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Bass Bouthoorn lent his trumpeting skills to a Christmas carol sing at Lochlin United Church on Dec. 14. See more on page 10. **Chad Ingram Staff**

AH council, staff get 3% pay increase

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands staff members and councillors will be receiving a three per cent cost-of-living salary increase in the upcoming year.

Councillors for the township made the decision during their Dec. 15 meeting.

"Because we don't have a union and people work very hard for us, I've never quibbled at the three per cent," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she believed the reason employees did not feel the need to unionize was because they are treated well by the township. "We should be fostering an environment that creates a stable future."

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered about pay equity, which compares staff salaries to market value, and chief administrative Angie Bird said a report on pay equity would be coming forward in February.

As a cost-saving measure, the upper-tier of the county is looking at a one-per-cent cost-of-living increase for its employees in its 2012 budget.

"I'm a three per-center, but I don't want to be the only three per-center standing out there," said Councillor Gord Henderson, who believes there is a lot of value in non-union environments.

Newly anointed Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle agreed that a three-per-cent raise seemed fair.

"You want your staff to be committed," Kyle said.

Facing staff shortages and a shaky financial situation – it was discovered earlier this year there were some \$2 million in outstanding property taxes in the township – Danielsen said staff had done an excellent job.

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Growing food for a cause

Riley Maracle
Co-op student

Some people use Facebook and other social media to connect with friends, to reconnect with old friends and people from the past, but very few use it to do good.

John Teljeur is one of those few and will be using social media to help people in need.

For every “like” he receives on his “JT’s Food Crusade” Facebook page, he will donate one pound of food from his garden to the Minden Food Bank, Cardiff Community Food Bank, Ontario Early Years Centre, SIRCH, Point In Time, Community Care and 4Cs Food Bank.

“I was sitting on my deck thinking about how I can get people engaged,” Teljeur says. He figured that people would help if it were easy for them to do so.

He then came up with the idea to use Facebook because its something that is easy for people to do.

Teljeur’s goal is to get around 1,000 “likes” on his page.

“I will go as long and as far as I can,” he said.

He would like to thank Delta Hotels for allowing him the free time to be able to do special projects like this.

“I wouldn’t be able to do it without them.”

You can help by joining the cause on Facebook by searching for his page “JT’s Food Crusade.”

If you don’t have a Facebook account, you can follow his blog.

Those followers will also be counted toward the “likes” total.



John Teljeur and friends set up garden for the Food Crusade./Photo submitted by John Teljeur

You can also volunteer to help with Teljeur’s 2012 projects by donating a piece of property that volunteers can grow produce on, volunteer at one of the

agencies, donate to one or more of the agencies, or grow a garden yourself.

Man recovering after hit and run near Haliburton Village

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It was a night out with friends that ended with a trip to the hospital and a helicopter ride to Toronto.

On Dec. 17, Alex Trueman, 20, was at the Northwood Bar enjoying time with friends who were home for the holiday break.

When Alex was ready to head home, he and his friends called a cab and waited outside the bar for it

to arrive.

After a lengthy wait, the 20-year-old decided to start walking to his house on Maple Avenue about one kilometre from the bar.

Alex didn’t make it very far before he was hit by a car, according to his mother Peggy Trueman.

“I suspect he was hit near the end of the Northwood’s driveway, because the condition he’s in he couldn’t have made it very far,” she said.

Alone at the time, Alex crawled back to the bar at which point someone found him in the parking lot and called 9-1-1, said Peggy.

He was taken to the Haliburton Hospital and later airlifted to St. Michael’s hospital in Toronto, where he is recovering.

“He’s going to be fine,” said Peggy, who is hopeful he will be discharged before Christmas day.

As a result of the accident Alex suffered some broken ribs and a collapsed lung, said Peggy, however, she knows it could have been much worse.

“He’s pretty scraped up on his face. He doesn’t have any brain damage. His cat scan is clear,” she said.

Family members were still awaiting a report from the radiologist, clearing Alex of any damage to his spine.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Alex is currently studying at Algonquin College.

The driver that hit Alex did not remain on the scene, according to Peggy.

An investigation into the accident is ongoing and family members are working with the OPP.

According to constable Sandy Adams, OPP were called to the scene outside the bar at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Circumstances around the incident are still being investigated, said Adams.

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Hyland Crest receives Christmas cheer

Photos by Chad Ingram



Beth Johns of Outloud Womyn's Voices hands a Hyland Crest resident a bell as the audience joined the vocal group in singing some Christmas carols.



Toos Reid provided guitar accompaniment when Outloud Womyn's Voice serenaded residents of Hyland Crest with Christmas carols on the evening of Dec. 13.



Jim and Olive Hamilton were in the festive spirit for a Christmas concert at Hyland Crest.



Cassidy Mahler, left, Danielle Allison and Dakota Mahler acted out a Bible reading during a Christmas concert at Hyland Crest.

Small increase in vehicle traffic at Dorset tower

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 15 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

According to a report from Algonquin Highlands recreation director Melissa Alfano, there was a .3 per cent increase in traffic at the Dorset lookout tower from 2010 to 2011.

This was despite a 13.5 per cent dip in season's passes this year, as well as a 16 per cent drop in bus traffic.

There was, however, a 21 per cent increase in kiosk revenue.

The tower brought in nearly \$2,900 in May; more than \$3,500 in June; nearly \$16,000 in July; about \$14,000 in August;

more than \$10,000 in September; and nearly \$20,500 in October.

"Thanksgiving weekend was the warmest on record and was a great end to the season," Alfano wrote.

Lower number of police incidents

There was a significant decrease in the number of police incidents in the portion of Algonquin Highlands that is overseen by the Haliburton Highlands OPP in 2011.

While between January and November of 2010 there were 707 incidents in the area, between January and November of this year that number dropped to 561, a decrease of 21 per cent.

The portion of the township that lies north of Dorset is patrolled by the detachment out of Huntsville.

The detachment saw an overall decrease in the number of

incidents in 2011, from 5,743 last year to 5,444.

Councillors from the township will be meeting with OPP and representatives from the transportation ministry in 2012 to discuss plans for better traffic safety in the vicinity of the Dorset tower, which could include road realignment and the installation of a turning lane.

Public works manager to retire

Councillors received a notice of retirement from public works manager Brian Whetstone.

Whetstone has been with the township since amalgamation more than 10 years ago.

"Thank you for the opportunities for professional and personal development that you have provided me over the past 10 plus years," Whetstone wrote in a letter to the reeve and council.

Whetstone will retire in May.

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Local cottager recognized at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It was a year of firsts for Harvey Walker. A cottager in the area for 11 years, Walker submitted his first entry into the Agnes Jamieson Gallery members' show this past year.

On Dec. 17, Walker was the recipient of this year's People's Choice Award for his oil painting, titled Sugar bush, during the show's closing reception.

It was also his first year as a member of the gallery. "I'm totally honoured and surprised," said Walker.

The painter who dabbles mostly in oils said art has long been a hobby of his, recently becoming a more "serious" one.

The award winner received a free one-year membership to the gallery.

On from Nov. 3 to Dec. 17, this year's show included 21 artists. Originally conceived by gallery founder Agnes Jamieson, this was the 30th year of the annual show, according to curator Laurie Carmount.

"Dr. Agnes Jamieson created this show because she thought it was important the gallery was accessible to all artists, no matter their level," she said.

Since its inception the show has become one of the gallery's most popular.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Agnes Jamieson Gallery member Harvey Walker, left, was the recipient of this year's People's Choice Award at the closing of the members' show on Dec. 17. Walker's piece, titled Sugar bush, was voted the favourite piece by visitors to the gallery. Walker was recognized by gallery curator Laurie Carmount.



County of Haliburton Christmas Holiday Office Closure

The County of Haliburton Administration Offices at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden will close at the end of the business day on Friday, December 23, 2011 and will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 2, 2012. If you wish to leave a message for one of our staff, please call 705-286-1333 and follow the voice mail instructions. Alternatively, visit our website at www.county.haliburton.on.ca to obtain a list of contact information.

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We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Ratcliff wins Monk Award

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give.

This is the motto of Rick Ratcliff, who was the recipient of this year's Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship at the Minden Hills municipal dinner and dance earlier this month.

Ratcliff, a former Minden Hills councillor, was recognized for his long list of contributions to the community.

Ratcliff has volunteered with the Legion; at the Minden Food Bank, where he helped them through two moves; the organizing groups for Winterfest and the Terry Fox Run; events at the Lochlin Community Centre; and is a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society.

He co-founded the local prostate cancer support group, has served on the farmers' - market and county fair boards and, as a Rotarian, donates all the money he makes from selling his homegrown garlic to the Rotary International's campaign to eradicate polio.

He also sits on a number of municipal committees.

Ratcliff, who said he was honoured to receive the award, wished to thank Donna Monk and the selection committee.



Rick Ratcliff, pictured here with wife Jane Leavis, won the 2011 Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship during the Minden Hills municipal dinner and dance at the Minden Hills Community Centre earlier this month. Ratcliff was recognized for his plethora of contributions to the community./Photo submitted

"And I've got to thank my wife, Jane," he said, acknowledging her constant support. "Part of this award belongs to her."

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Rail Trail public engagement strategy extended

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The public engagement strategy for the Haliburton County Rail Trail will take longer than initially anticipated to complete and will cost the county more than first expected.

Kate Hall, the community planning consultant council hired in July to conduct, design and oversee a new engagement framework for the trail, visited county councillors at their Dec. 14 meeting.

"The task group continues to meet regularly," Hall said.

The group consists of Hall, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and five citizens.

It hosted four public input sessions in Haliburton and Minden during the last month or so, which identified barriers in achieving visions for the trail, as well as solutions to those barriers.

In total, 59 people took part in that exercise and nearly 1,000 surveys have been completed.

"What's left to do is data analysis," Hall said.

Once that data is organized and usage options for the Rail Trail are developed, another public meeting will be held to allow the public to comment on those options.

That meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7.

"This is where . . . the shoe hits the trail, as it were," Hall said.

While she'd initially anticipated the whole process, included a new plan for the Rail Trail, to be completed by the year's end, Hall said she'll need an extension until the end of the March to complete the project.

For those three additional months, Hall requested \$1,250 in monthly consulting fees.

The original contract for the project signed in July was for \$9,100 plus expenses.

"That's not an item we have budgeted for," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said it was common that consultants worked for a fee negotiated upfront.

"As a consultant, I can't come back for more money," Reid said.

Hall told councillors she felt she had a commitment to the community.

"It's a difficult situation," said Moffatt. "I'd like to see us be able to do something."

Councillors agreed to meet Hall halfway on the additional consulting fees.

The Rail Trail, which stretches 34 kilometres from Haliburton village to Kinmount, has been a source of contention for years, as its users struggle to agree who should and shouldn't be allowed on.

While there was once a committee of councillors and stakeholders overseeing the corridor, it fell of the rails.

Oversight of the trail has since come under the auspices of the county's economic development committee, comprised of the county's four reeves.

Hall told the *Times* she'll be performing an in-depth analysis of the surveys using the software program Survey Monkey, which, along with graphic analysis such as pie charts, can allow the operator to filter responses, splitting them by demographic, and then looking at the similarities or differences among those demographics.

"And that tells you something a little more meaningful," she said.

The feedback from the surveys will be used in measure with the outcomes of the workshops in creating the options that will be reviewed by the public at the Feb. 7 workshop.

Hall said the specific framework for that meeting is still being developed.

Following that exercise, a number of options will be presented to the economic development committee for their consideration.



Friends get festive with baskets

Chad Ingram Staff

Deb Mansfield, left, and Elly Malcomson of Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library were selling themed gift baskets of gently used books at the Minden branch last week. The group, which raises money for purchases not covered in the library's budget, made some \$600 in the past two weeks.

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our editorial

An endearing endemic

VOLUNTEERS MAKE Haliburton County go 'round.

If the county was a car, they'd be the engine.

If the county was a clock, they'd be the gears.

If the county was an FX 1850 central processing unit... well... you get my drift, anyway.

Without its strong volunteer base, Haliburton County would be a very different place; one devoid of the countless community programs it enjoys today.

Earlier this month, former Minden Hills councillor Rick Ratcliff was recognized with the annual Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship.

For anyone unaware, Rick has given his time and energy to a plethora of community causes during the past few years, including but not limited to the farmers' market and county fair boards; the Minden Food Bank; Winterfest; the Terry Fox Run; and the Canadian Cancer Society.

He's certainly a deserving recipient. And there are lots of Ricks out there.

The county is overrun with selfless people willing to give their time and energy to causes greater than themselves.

It's an endearing endemic.

From the Rotary and Lions clubs to the Masons and Shriners; from the food

banks to the hospital auxiliaries; from the friends of the library to the many municipal committees that make recommendations to local governments; all of these bodies, and many, many others, are comprised of people who want nothing in return other than the reassurance their community is becoming a better place.

That's pretty noble.

Volunteerism touches every facet of life in Haliburton County, sometimes so quietly that residents may not even know it.

If you're using, say, the baby-changing station at the hospital, did you know

it was fundraised for by volunteers?

If you're in any of the library's branches, there's a good chance something you've touched, sat on or read was fundraised for by volunteers.

Anyone listen to Canoe FM?

The voices you hear on the station aren't getting paid to be there.

And it goes beyond formal organizations.

Not every volunteer is a member of an established board, committee or group.

Some may cook in the kitchen at a fundraising event when they can find time. Others may pick up garbage along roadways. There are hundreds of people working constantly and selflessly to make this community a better place.

We should all be very grateful.



Chad Ingram
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letters to the editor

First impressions are lasting

To the Editor,

As a resident of Minden, I read with interest your story on the proposed demolition of the Walker's building along Highway 35 Minden thoroughfare. As a Minden resident, it is great to see that political will exists to remove some of our dilapidated, abandoned buildings around town. This building in particular has always struck me. We brand Minden as "the gateway to the Haliburton Highlands," yet the first thing visitors see as they enter the gateway... is an abandoned auto shop. First impressions are lasting, and this unfortunately suggests to visitors that we don't care about the appearance of our community. The nature of the building's former industry, auto maintenance, has always been associated with environmental issues. The nature of our tourism marketing

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Reeve takes all the credit

To the Editor

Referring to Reeve Barb Reid in the Dec. 14 issue of the *Minden Times*.

This council has had nothing to do with the inception of Riverwalk, the new library, the water tower or Canadian Tire - all these things were already decided before our present council took over the reigns. However, this inconvenient truth doesn't stop one or other of our council members (most notably our reeve) from taking the credit of actually doing something.

How utterly ridiculous, frivolous, for our reeve to rant about the eyesore complaint she's gotten over the old Walker Garage. How convenient that the complainant has to remain confidential. How lame! This means - theoretically - that our reeve herself could

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points of view

One tough cookie

DESPITE IT ALL, I believe our first attempt at Christmas cookies turned out surprisingly well.

And, to be honest, no one is more surprised than me.

Being a man (at least up to this point), I had never baked cookies of any kind before.

So, when Jenn suggested that she'd like my help in order to bake ginger snaps for people she appreciated, I thought, why not? How hard can it be?

What followed confirms my theory that if you ever have to ask yourself "How hard can an activity be?" it's probably best to leave the immediate area in a quick and orderly fashion.

First of all, as Jenn quickly confirmed, I am not a very good recipe reader. Why this surprised her is

beyond me – after all, men (and up to that point I was one) are notoriously poor at reading instructions. And far be it from me to call her a nit-picker, but is there really that much difference between a teaspoon and a tablespoon?

Next, despite what she said, the molasses spill I caused was not all that bad. It certainly wasn't, as she claimed, reminiscent of the Gulf spill – for one thing, there were no shore birds in the region.

Did baking get any easier after degreasing the cat? Actually no. In fact, even now I'm suffering from post-cookie traumatic syndrome. My manly forearms, for example, were not up to the challenges of hand mix-

ing the cookie dough.

This task, by the way, is why I suspect she enlisted me in the first place – and why I'm buying a mixer for us before next Christmas.

Luckily, the oven caught fire, because the adrenalin summoned by dealing with that made me forget my aching forearms for a while so that I could concentrate on the task at hand – which was trying to save the first batch of cookies.

This I did and they turned out beautifully too – smooth and only slightly charred, much like my arms. Between you and me, I believe the baking soda topping adds to their flavour.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

In any case, somewhere after the fire, but before I had finished cleaning the oven, I asked Jenn if this was a normal part of the cookie baking process – because, as I said, I had never done this before.

It turns out this is not the kind of question you ask at times like this. However, if any of you know the answer, I wouldn't mind hearing a far politer version of it.

The next seven dozen cookies turned out very well – despite the fact that the oven did not catch fire even once during their baking.

In the end, Jenn was pleased with the results and I think even appreciated my help. Heck, while I was cleaning up, she offered me some cookies – the special ones with the baking soda topping.

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Waiting for winter

IN MEMORY, all of the Christmases of our childhoods were buried deep in snow. Always there was more than enough snow to carry Santa's sleigh.

Make that Snow, with a capital S. Not your dustings or skiffs or powderings or skimplings that have teased us with their comings and their goings in these weeks leading up to next Sunday.

Real Snow, for rolling around in and scooping up to throw in your brother's face. Soft with the lightness of winter's grace. Or dense with damp, packable for throwing.

Real Snow, the kind that gets inside your rubber boots and soaks you right up to your waist, drenches your underwear and makes your legs itch.

Real Snow. Deep enough for a toboggan ride down a pasture hillside in the moonlight. Not so deep that you can't climb back up to slide again. You zoom through a forest of teasels, breaking off stalks that fly back over your shoulders like spears.

Real Snow, the kind that sticks to your boots. There is no mud room, so you come directly into the kitchen. While your mother's back is turned, you snatch a shortbread Christmas tree iced red. You stand in puddles

that grow around your boots as you eat it.

Real Snow, the kind that fills the farm lanes of Huron County, so that you get wet all over again just walking out to the family sedan parked by the road.

Real Snow, the kind that glows in the light spilling out of the windows of a one-room schoolhouse that draw families up a shoveled pathway to the Christmas concert.

Real Snow, forever in my memory. Except my memory lies. Christmas gives no guarantees of white in this or any other year, any more than April Easters promise to be green.

My friend Paul Prentice, whose snowmobile business gives him a vested interest in Real Snow, keeps records. In his time, Minden has had good snow cover for only about half of its Christmases.

One holiday season, Paul stood on the brow of a slope and whacked golf balls.

Just between you and me, to heck with Paul's snow diary. I am invoking Murphy's law to blanket us with

white. Writing a day in advance, I thumb my nose at Mother Nature, try to trick her into teaching me a lesson.

So if a blizzard arrived last night, after this was written, it's all my fault, but having to eat my words is a price I'm willing to pay if it brings us snow for Christmas.

My green assumptions are not without foundation. I've been looking at forecasts and found more rain than snow in what is left of December. No more

than a couple of inches of snow, hardly enough to hide the bleak November browns of Sapsucker Ridge.

Mind you, if you're reading this on your laptop in Panama City Beach, you should know that winter has teased us with snowfalls that drooped the landscape's evergreens with white.

Three or four inches of snow on the ground tell us tales of all of winter's comings and goings. Tracks of deer and squirrels are clues to what a busy life there is on Sapsucker Ridge.

On an overcast day, snow turns

hardwood hills into monochromes of black and white. A slit opens in the clouds and sunshine seeps through to paint a band of copper across a hillside.

On a sunny day, not far from the sugar shack, a spruce sheds clots of snow into a creekside pool below a beaver dam. Each clot pokes a pencil hole in the open water that spreads out in ripples until the whole pool smiles.

The snow makes The Brown Dog Jiggs smile, too. Nine years old and counting, he turns into a pup again, tail wagging, hips wagging, everything wagging, muzzle snuffling the news in last night's white. The Brown Dog dances with winter.

But for now the snow is gone. We stand on what might be the highest point on the northern brow of the Gull River valley, look across a landscape of open fields grown dreary with waiting.

Like Vladimir and Estragon waiting for Godot, we stand at a crossroads, waiting for winter. Will it ever come?

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Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

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Further delay is bad for tourism

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is about fresh, clean air, water and lakes. The very opposite of what an abandoned auto shop suggests. This is unfortunate, but thankfully, easily remedied as Barb Reid has pointed out to county officials. To proceed with this tear down makes sense on so many levels for Minden. Further delay is bad for tourism, bad for property values and bad for businesses.

It is the very opposite image we want to project as visitors immediately enter, i.e. that our wonderful forests, streams and lakes, are not as pristine as they should be. Better to drive on through to other destinations less than an hour away. As a community we should not accept delay any longer. How many potential new tourists and residents are lost each day we procrastinate? Ms. Reid deserves credit for her tenacity. She is fighting for her constituents.

Haliburton County officials, if you believe in the beautification and prosperity of Minden Hills; open up the gateway; tear down this Walker's building!

Peter Meraw
Minden

Riverwalk a potential safety hazard

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have been the complainant. Wouldn't that be one to call the cows in on? She effectively wants two holes dug where the need is only one; she wants this eyesore removed and removed immediately, hang the cost - no matter what, no matter how carelessly she spends the public purse, no matter how much money she wastes. How irresponsible! Of Course, Murray Feary is right - do the whole thing in one go and do it right! If this eyesore needs removing now - buy a few gallons of paint and make it pretty! In my opinion the only eyesore which needs removing from Minden Hills is the reeve and her "glorious" dream team.

As for the Riverwalk; which our reeve likes to brag about as her contribution in a previous council, it has a design flaw. It's a safety hazard! Its design suggests it was rushed not well thought

out when it was built. It needs safety railings at least along the 'river' side of the walk to prevent the chance anyone from inadvertently toppling into the river!

Our council is hardly credible. Only four of the seven have any real voice. There are no meaningful meetings, there are no meaningful votes (apart from the same four against the same three kind), there is no discussion, no sober debate or reflection among seven learned elected members of our community which count for anything. Only items which happen to be on an apparently predetermined secret agenda of the four member "dream team" count for anything at all.

This is not democracy.

Eddie Burke
Minden



Sworn in

New Algonquin Highlands Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle recites her oath of office at a Dec. 15 council meeting. Kyle won the Nov. 14 byelection in the township, replacing former councillor Gary Schultz who moved out of the country earlier this year.

Chad Ingram Staff

Merry Christmas for Minden Food Bank

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's been a merry Christmas for the Minden Food Bank. President Barbara Walford-Davis said this year the bank has seen more donations than in recent Christmas seasons.

"I think people realize the situation this facility is facing," Walford-Davis said. "They're generous and they're loving and their caring."

Cash and food donations have come rolling in from a number of seasonal events throughout the area, augmented by donations from banks, churches and citizens.

Moose FM recently raised \$20,000 in a radiothon, with the money being split among the county's food banks.

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Riley Maracle
Co-op student

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Depending on where you live you have several options your Christmas tree.

If you are living in Minden Hills township, you can do one of two things.

You can take it to the landfills in Ingoldsby or Irondale free of charge or you can bring it to the Minden Arena where every night after Christmas until New Year's Eve they will have a bonfire at 8:30 p.m.

If you live in Algonquin Highlands Town-

ship they will accept your Christmas tree at Maple Lake landfill and Pine Spring landfill.

If you have any more questions about Christmas tree disposal you can contact your township office.

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28th	Township of Minden Hills
29th	Tim Hortons
30th	The Cottage Angels

Jan. 2012

1st	CLOSED -Happy New Year
2nd	Tim Hortons
3rd	Township of Minden Hills
4th	Minden Health Care Auxiliary
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6th	Township of Minden Hills
8th	Tim Hortons

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 23rd

Administration Office open all day

December 26th to January 1st

Administration Offices - closed

January 2nd

Administration Offices Open

January 3rd

Cultural Centre Open

January 7th

Town Hall meeting at Community Center

January 12th

COTW Meeting (10:00 public session)

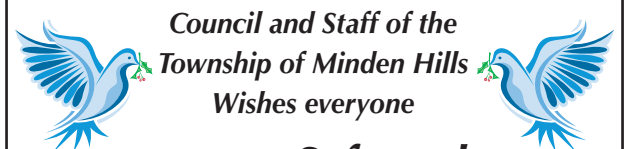
January 26th

Council Meeting (10:00 public session)

January 30

10:00 am

Finance Advisory Committee meeting



The Township of Minden Hills Administration
Offices will be open on Friday,
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Topic: Minden Hills Economic Development Plan,
OPP Update

For further information contact:
Laura Cunliffe, Interim Clerk
lcunliffe@mindenhills.ca
(705) 286-1260 ext. 215

MINDEN HILLS
Cultural Centre

January 16th	11:00 am – Community Engagement - Municipal board room
January 19th	11:00 am – Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Rotary Room (Library)
January 20th	12:30 pm – Youth Advisory Committee – Scout Hall

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed for the
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Annual festive singalong

Lochlin United Church was full on Dec. 14 during an annual Christmas carol sing. Attendees brought items for the food bank. **Chad Ingram** Times staff

Raises reflect cost of living

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"We've made some huge strides in improving our financial situation as a municipality . . . and it's our staff that's doing that," she said.

Moffatt agreed that staffers had worked hard to fill employment gaps and keep the township on track.

Henderson said he thought performance-based rating should have no effect when it came to cost-of-living raises.

"Performance is one, cost of living is another," he said.

Moffatt said this was a good point.

Councillor Lisa Barry wondered if some concession could be made, say a 2.5 per cent cost-of-living raise that would be fair to employees yet demonstrate fiscal restraint to taxpayers, but her colleagues were comfortable with three per cent.

The staff salary increases will amount to approximately \$43,000.

As far as council remuneration, Daniels thought it might be advantageous to do a comparison of council remuneration of other municipalities.

"Quite honestly, I hadn't thought about us at all," she said.

Moffatt said she thought councillors worked a lot harder than some people realize.

"People think you come to two meetings a month and put your hands in the air," she said, adding that she spends anywhere from 30 to 45 hours on municipal business each week.

Danielsen agreed that the role takes up a lot of time.

"There isn't enough time for any of us to have a job," she said.

Henderson, who said an increase in council remuneration wouldn't change his life, was concerned about the optics of a cost-of-living increase for councillors.

In the end, councillors voted for the increase with Barry opposed.

The increase will amount to approximately \$3,000.

Councillors will make just more than \$17,000 for the year; Daniels just more than \$20,000; and Moffatt approximately \$25,500.



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2	Desroche	536	72	Ed Dart	458
3	David Dollo	532	73	Chase Heinemann	457
4	Bruno Campagnolo	529	74	Cameron Bradley	457
5	Marcia Bell	526	75	Jacob Bishop	456.75
6	Ferne Taylor	522	76	Robert McIvor	454.25
7	Blake Wood	519	77	Jane Duchene	453.75
8	Denniella Rivard	516	78	Frank Darroch	453.25
9	Melissa White	515.25	79	Paul Cameron	452
10	Cody Martin	514	80	Rick Cazabon	452
11	Glenn Hall	514	81	Nancy Luke	450.25
12	Jame Alden	514	82	David Douglas	450
13	Ron Sedley	513	83	Billy Walker	450
14	Dale Robinson	512	84	Maie Arike	449.75
15	Ryan Hall	512	85	Donald MacMillan	449
16	Dave Moss	511	86	Diane Peacock	448
17	Dave Luke	509	87	Rhonda Shaw	447
18	Eric Schuster	508.25	88	Jim Winn	447
19	Andrew Hall	504	89	Emile Duchene	447
20	Joan Bell	503	90	Ethan Carl	445.25
21	Ray Downs	502	91	Rick West	443
22	Darrell Gilbert	502	92	Johnathan Preestwich	442.75
23	Lisa Barry	500	93	Matt Pritchard	442.25
24	Mark Arike	500	94	Barbara Cameron	442
25	Ann Varty	498	95	Dave Ertel	441
26	Jonathan Sharpley	498	96	Andrew Carmount	440
27	Scott LaRue	497	97	Pat Marshall	436.75
28	Nancy Holden	497	98	J.D. Thomas	434
29	Geroge Holliday	496	99	Bill Kulas	433
30	Tom Marshall	496	100	Jamie Pritchard	432.25
31	Eleanor Lymer	495	101	Alex M Little	432.25
32	Eric Casper	494	102	Erin Little	432
33	Rod Bell	494	103	Jordan Hamilton	432
34	Ed Copeland	492	104	Dave Taylor	431
35	Hunter Bishop	491	105	Jeff Barry	430.25
36	Norm Bottum	490	106	Brian Moore	429
37	Cheryl Smith	489	107	Dwight Thomas	429
38	Blake Paton	487	108	Al Lauchlan	428
39	Jaydon Wood	487	109	Dianne Parish	426
40	Jeff Burk	485	110	Mark Vasey	425
41	Ray Lymer	484	111	Jamie Little	424
42	Helen Burk	483.75	112	Dave Prestwich	422
43	Morgan Gadway	483	113	Nick Kulas	420
44	Ian Kemp	479	114	Andrew McGill	419.75
45	Tyler Martin	479	115	Sherry Denboer	418.25
46	Jim Chase	479	116	Margie Prestwich	417
47	Grenville Barry	478	117	Daniel Rivard	414.75
48	Steve Bell	478	118	Glen Jewett	413.25
49	Pat Barry	477	119	Alex T. Little	413
50	Spence Elvins	476	120	Joanne Hanna	411.25
51	Shannon Robertson	474.75	121	Gerald Sharp	410.25
52	Charles Blackburn	474.25	122	Al McEachern	407
53	Phil Smith	473.25	123	Luke Hunter	404.25
54	Bill Argue	472	124	Audrey Sedley	402.75
55	Donna McKay	471.75	125	David Bell	402
56	Gord Higgins	471	126	Tom Howat	402
57	Mike Hamilton	470	127	Don Chapman	402
58	Keith McKelvey	470	128	Bryan Rivard	400.75
59	Brock Thomas	469	129	Larry Holden	397
60	Don Critchley	468	130	Martin Schuster	395
61	Jeremy Crowder	467.25	131	Bob McKay	392.25
62	Robin Carmount	466	132	Larry Southgate	390
63	Brian W Mulholland	465	133	Gerald Ainsworth	386.75
64	Richard Rasmus	465	134	Dan MacMillan	386
65	Ted Vasey	464	135	Tim Prestwich	386
66	Bob Sisson	463.75	136	Lisa Malott	383.25
67	Beryl Rasmus	463	137	Peter Varty	382
68	Krystal Sharp	463	138	Bruce Fisher	377.75
69	Gary Thorpe	462	139	Steve St Cyr	375.75
70	Chris Hall	461.25	140	Ann McIvor	353.25

Council anticipates MNR fire base plans in January

Drawings of proposed building in the works for Stanhope Airport property

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt is hoping Algonquin Highlands councillors will have their hands on drawings for a proposed MNR base at the Stanhope Airport in January.

"There have been some delays," Moffatt, who'd hoped the township would have drawings by now, told councillors during their Dec. 15 meeting.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has drilled the necessary test holes on the property (the MNR will be digging a well for the facility) and drawings of the footprint have been forwarded to the township's engineering consultant so that he can put together pricing.

The ministry is expected to move its

People seem to be under the impression that we are plunking the MNR right in the middle of the runway envelope.

— Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels

local fire response base from Haliburton Village to the airport.

Council has already approved the clearing of eight acres of bush in the forested area near the hangar buildings where the new facility is to be built.

The cost of the bush-clearing and survey is not to exceed \$30,000.

Moffatt and Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels had both received calls about the project.

"People seem to be under the impression that we are plunking the MNR right in the middle of the runway envelope," Daniels said.

"The envelope will remain as it's drawn," Moffatt said, adding that she was aware there were some residents who would be quite happy if the MNR facility was built in the area where a new crosswind runway would have been built if the project advocated by the previous council had proceeded.

The new base would be a one-storey building with an apron accommodating a minimum of two choppers and two twin Otter aircraft.

There would also be a parking lot for staff.

The base would employ 54 seasonal staff and six to eight full-time employees.

The township is expecting to use the money it garnered from the Building Canada Fund – up to thirds of \$3.4 million – for the former runway project for the MNR project.

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Resident finds love on medical journey

Jan Tedford
Special to the Times

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pain. Wednesday afternoon, cough, cough, nausea and feel very sick and weak. The scene is set.

Thursday - I drive myself to Haliburton Hospital at 7:30 a.m. right after shift change. First person I see is Chris Briggs cleaning the floor. I had worked with her at the Kosy 1985-86. She can't recognize me as a friend because of confidentiality issues. I know this as I'm a volunteer with SIRCH and we have the same issues. I could see the concern in her eyes. I say "Can you call for the nurse?" She rings the bell. The LOVE begins. The nurse puts me in the first room. Dr. Botum comes in quickly. I know he knows me. His wife, Janet, was the first leader of the Alzheimer Caregiver's Group.

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Blairhampton resident Jan Tedford had an eye-opening experience about the kindness of humanity when she found herself in hospital last month. /File photo

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November marked Tedford's first time as a hospital patient

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My mother-in-law has Alzheimer's. I still go to the group. The LOVE grows. I can trust him. He looks at all the spots and gets the history. So far easy. We will do some tests to see what this is. He does not start to suggest what is wrong. He has already picked up on my personality that I am heading toward anxiety. Let's start with an X-ray. The technician arrives with huge smile on her face-she has seen my car - Louise Breen - member and friend from my Haliburton United Church. Confidentiality again. I could feel the LOVE and concern coming from her. Chest was clear. No spots in the lungs. 100 per cent oxygen level. No pneumonia. Blood work next.. "That will take 2 days to get the results," I say.

No, we can do the testing right here. Dr. Bottum comes back in 15 minutes with the results. You have one platelet in your blood. Our records show you had 361 three weeks ago when you did routine blood work. Your white blood count has dropped considerably. I think a virus has killed your immune system and is now destroying your blood and these spots tell me you are bleeding internally. I will put you on an IV now to stop the bleeding and give you prednisone to start the healing. You will need a platelet transfusion soon. You may have to leave Haliburton. You will stay here tonight.

I am in shock. I can't do that. I am a caregiver at home. I have clients that depend on me. I have things to do and places to go. Dr. Bottum asks if he can call, Doug, my husband, at home to explain what has happened. The LOVE grows again. Thank You. I talk to Doug. He understands the situation and tries to calm me. He can manage at home especially with Maggie, our dog. LOVE again.

I am waiting for my bed at the hospital sitting in a lounge chair with a warmed blanket provided by Mary and Donna. I have a sister, Mary Pollard, who is a nurse. LOVE pours in.

I have to make sandwiches for Edna Wark's funeral. Louise checks with me to see how I am doing on the sly.

I mention this. She knows Doris Laine is in the gift shop. She is the sandwich coordinator at our church. Confidentiality. I get messages in bits and pieces from Louise that Doris can't come to me but says that they have lots of sandwiches and get well and look after myself first. LOVE grows.

Spent the night sleeping with the aid of sleeping pills and gravel - LOVE.

My Dr. Coles arrives 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18 before he goes to his office. Dr. Bottum had emailed him with all details of my sickness. Family Health Care - I just learned the whole meaning of those words. LOVE. I have been Dr. Coles's patient since he arrived here. He knows me and knows my temperament. He says he is working on a plan and will be back at noon. I rest. I know he will make good decisions. Comes during his lunch. Plan is worked out. I need a specialist, especially a hematologist. He had already ordered the blood from Peterborough but wouldn't arrive back until 4:30 with a volunteer driver but he didn't want to wait that long. I will go by helicopter to Oshawa where there is a specialist and a bed. No, I can't do that. I am afraid to fly. We will give you a calming pill just before you leave. I am a caregiver. People are relying on me. Dr. Coles sits down beside me, puts his arm around my shoulder and looks directly at me with his great big blue eyes, just like my mom, Jean Fleming, when I was a kid. I knew I had to listen. Now you have to release the caregiver part and receive the help we can give to you. LOVE. My next thought, that I did not express, was I had read in the newspaper that Pat Kennedy's (EMS) out of county transfers are over budget. I am adding to the problem-expensive helicopter. Pat Kennedy is married to my second cousin - Cheryl. I am upsetting the whole Emmerson family. No, many of them go to St. George's led by Ann Moore who is full of LOVE. I can do this.

Helicopter arrives with two pilots and two ICU, EMS experts whom Dr. Coles has informed as to my fear. Gord takes charge of my brain and speaks calmly about my fear. He is covered with Movember hair. I can relate. My dad, Jack Fleming, died of prostate cancer because he didn't get his test early enough. Ron is hooking up all the lines to check my vitals for the trip. Sedative under my tongue. Chris has come to clean my room and wish me well with concern in her eyes and holds my hand. Out on the pad Mary is waving goodbye. Up we go and I can feel the LOVE going up and it followed me all the way to Oshawa. Gord keeps giving me the thumbs up as we can't talk. It is so noisy. The helicopter is very crowded and my claustrophobia is controlled. Arrive at Oshawa Airport. Ambulance from Port Perry, another expense, takes me to Oshawa Hospital. Roger and Barb Harrison (members of my church) come from Port Perry - LOVE. My brother-in-law, Bob Pollard, had worked at the CIBC - LOVE.

Arrive in Oshawa ER just like on TV. I was a star for a moment.

I was at the hospital for eight days. Doug stayed at home and received all the phone calls with our dog Maggie. She missed me and he had to do double LOVE.

He called twice a day with all the messages from Haliburton. Many people called me directly. Harry, my minister, Dr. Coles, Dorothy Owens (my first SIRCH coordinator) and 12 other ladies had watched me leave in the helicopter, Marilyn Rydberg (teacher of palliative care course I had just taken and hospice coordinator of SIRCH), my Alzheimer's clients, my sister, Mary Pollard, from Cozumel, Mexico who had lived and married in Haliburton. Kay Moore (from church) arrived with flowers and a card from UCW meeting that I had missed. Ingrid Toutant who I had met in Haliburton but went back to her home town Oshawa. I was in a room

with Mrs. Tedder. I am Tedford. She slept a lot. One day we talked. I tell her I am from Haliburton. She says my heart is in Haliburton all the time but I am too old to get there now. I live in Lindsay. Her family routes are in Haliburton- Tuck-I don't know the name. What lake? Soyers. I live on Soyers Lake. One of her cousins owns the Bargain Shop. Haliburton is fully in this hospital room-LOVE

I had two platelet transfusions. I had given blood in Haliburton 10 times so now I was receiving it back. The blood count went from 1-4-7-11-20-26. I would go home at 30. Friday, Nov. 25 released at 63. One month until Christmas. Kay and George take me home to where all the LOVE began. The count is 361 and the prednisone is slowly being withdrawn. I am healing.

Before I left Oshawa hospital all the nurses and doctors on that floor now know where Haliburton is and how caring we are as a community. They thought we were close to Thunder Bay as I had been flown in. They know we are only two hours away. I am sure I left some of that LOVE on the floor and perhaps they will come to get more.

At this time of the year I hope all of you can surround yourselves with this LOVE and give it back to everyone to receive.



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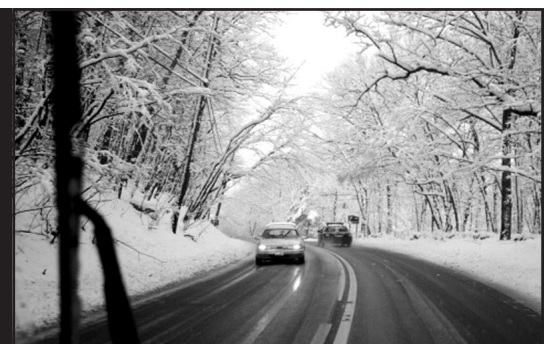



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Fearrey becomes warden for 11th time

➤ Dysart reeve given position to lead through difficult economy

Jenn Watt
Editor

Tough economic times were the theme of this year's inaugural county council meeting.

Selected to lead Haliburton County into 2012 as warden, Dysart Reeve and current Warden Murray Fearrey referenced the ailing economy in his speech to fellow councillors at a special ceremony Dec. 13 in Minden's council chambers.

It's "not an exciting time to govern," Fearrey said, noting that most of Ontario's cities are in debt and that financial prudence will be the unglamorous path most governments have to trek over the next few years.

Fearrey said that Haliburton County had much in common with Ontario's North – including small hamlets divided by wide spaces – and he asked that MPP Laurie Scott petition the government to include this region in FedNOR.

Scott, who was at the inauguration, like Wardens in Haliburton are selected by fellow county councillors for one-year terms.

Council is comprised of eight members, the Reeves and deputy Reeves of each of the four municipalities in the county.

In the past, the position of warden has been evenly shared amongst the municipalities in a rotation, but given that many of the members of county council are new to county politics as of November, 2010, it was felt Fearrey was the best candidate to



Jenn Watt Staff

2012 Haliburton county council and staff at the inaugural meeting Dec. 13 in the council chambers in Minden. From left, Jim Wilson, Dave Burton, Laura Janke, Jane Tousaw, Angela Balle, Barb Reid, Doug Ray, Cheryl Murdoch, Bill Davis, Murray Fearrey, Suzanne Partridge, Liz Danielsen, Carol Moffatt, Evelyn Fenwick, Bob Smith, Bessie Sullivan, Pat Kennedy and Roy Haig.

fill the role this year.

"I do believe we have a global economic issue," former warden and current Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said in his speech nominating Fearrey.

He said Fearrey had a proven record and provided strong leadership.

Deputy-reeve of Algonquin Highlands Liz Danielsen seconded the nomination and said since council was such a new group, a proven "strong leader" was needed.

As there were no other nominations, Fearrey was acclaimed warden for 2012.

The event also included a non-denominational prayer by Reverend Bev Hicks of the Northland Faith Church.

Among the items prayed for: a surplus budget, new equipment and that Haliburton county "become the envy of the rest of Ontario."

County budget expected to come in on target, council hears

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors got a look at what they're dealing with as they prepare to put together the budget for 2012.

Treasurer Laura Janke provided councillors with a budget overview at their Dec. 14 meeting.

Estimated gross expenditures for 2011 are approximately \$18.5 million and while some areas may be a little over budget, Janke expects this year to come in almost

on target, with the year-end variance expected to be less than 0.5 per cent.

The county currently receives monies from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund at a rate of \$1.2 million per year and while she has included that amount in her draft budget, Janke said the county is at risk of losing that money.

"If that goes off the table, it's a pretty big hit for us," she said.

Nor are any road or bridge grants expected in the upcoming year.

There will be rising costs for employees due to collective agreements and benefit

increases.

A cost-of-living raise for non-union employees is set at one per cent in the draft budget.

There will also be increased costs for social housing and social services.

"Some good news is there's growth," Janke said.

Growth from 2011 to 2012 will equate to about \$125,000.

The draft budget includes a tax levy increase of 2.2 per cent and the net expenditures expected for 2012 are approximately \$12.5 million.

2012 is the final year of four-year, phased-in assessment increase by MPAC.

The draft budget includes \$26,000 for outside organizations to be determined by council, \$4,000 for the county's medical professional recruitment committee and \$25,000 for the doctor recruitment reserve.

Department heads will present their draft budgets to council in January.

The county collects 37 per cent of its taxes from Dysart et al, 27 per cent from Minden Hills, 21 per cent from Algonquin Highlands and 15 per cent from Highlands East.

Haliburton County news

Reads of the week



Book of the Week, Adult Title

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

Emigrating with her mother from Hong Kong to Brooklyn, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life as an exceptional schoolgirl during the day and sweatshop worker at night, an existence also marked by her first crush and the pressure to save her family from poverty. Through Kimberly's story, author Jean Kwok, who also emigrated as a girl, brings to the page the lives of countless immigrants who are caught between the pressure to succeed in America, their duty to their family, and their own personal desires. Reserve this book in print, talking book, e-book and audiobook formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Book of the Week, Teen Title

The Hunger Games Companion by Lois H. Gresh

Go deeper into Katniss and Peeta's post-apocalyptic world – an alternative future where teenaged boys and girls are chosen from 12 districts to compete in the Hunger Games, a televised fight to the death. *The Hunger Games Companion* includes fascinating background information about the series, revealing amazing insights into the book's themes and features. For all those who enjoyed *The Hunger Games*, this companion guide to the wildly popular series is a must read. Get it at your library – and may the odds be forever in your favour.

Local Celebrity Read

Madeline Hopkins is a Grade 6 student at JDH Elementary School. Every December she re-reads *Rover Saves Christmas* by Roddy Doyle. "It is a humorous fiction about how Rudolph (the most famous reindeer in the world) has the flu on Christmas Eve and is not able to pull Santa's sleigh," says Madeline. "Of course Santa needs help so he asks the one creature he knows can do the job – Rover the Dog. Rover isn't any ordinary dog. He is a dog that has 'a brain the size of Africa and the head the size of a baked potato'."

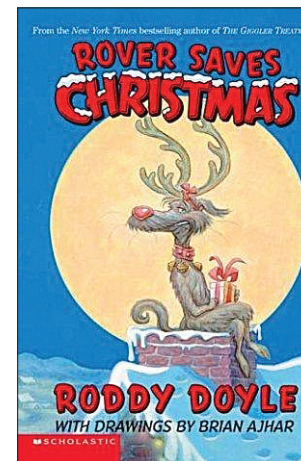


Rover accepts the job (after being blackmailed by an elf) and insists that his friends (children of course) come along to help him and Santa. So, Robbie, Jimmy, Victoria, Kayla and two lizards (Hanz and Heidi) join Santa and Rover to deliver the gifts."

Madeline loves to re-read this book every year because "it is really funny and makes me laugh out loud many times."

"There are silly chapters, commercials, several endings, funny characters through the whole story and I especially like a book that features a dog," she says.

"It is a great book for children and adults because the author Roddy Doyle is Irish and he includes lots of things that the adults (and kids) will laugh at like when the kids are deciding what to leave for Santa on the mantel on Christmas Eve: 'one of their mother's cans of Guinness. Oh, and 27 cheese sandwiches minus the crusts.'"



County library branches taking food for fines all month

Jenn Watt
Editor

For the entire month of December, library patrons can eliminate their fines while helping the community.

Food for Fines, in its second year at the Haliburton County Public Library, is a program that allows those with overdue fines to donate food or money to the food bank instead of paying the fine.

"People seem to like it," county library CEO Bessie Sullivan said of the program.

"For some reason, people want to pay their fines in food."

Last year, the library allowed patrons to donate rather than pay for one week. It was such a popular concept that they decided to dedicate a whole month to food collection. Each of the county's eight branches is participating with the collected donations going to the closest food bank.

"The idea is that food stays in the community in which it's donated," she said.

The library isn't concerned about losing the revenue from the fines, since their function isn't to bring in funding so much as encourage returns.

"Fines are not for revenue. ... It's for collection control," Sullivan said.

While some libraries around the country ask for fines to be paid off in specific units of food (i.e. one large can substitutes for \$2 in fines), Haliburton County has taken a simplified approach allowing any donation to completely eliminate a user's fines.

"It's better for everyone: the staff and the public," Sue Robinson, community partnerships and administration staff member, said.

Robinson was in charge of organizing Food for Fines for the library and liaised with the food banks to arrange delivery of the donations. (Since the food banks have enough for Decem-



Chad Ingram Staff

Diane Peacock, left, Jaime Bilodeau and Ellie MacNeil of the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library show off some of the food collected as part of this year's Food for Fines program.

ber, the non-perishables will be brought to the buildings in January.) The library branches are also collecting money for the food bank, which can be used to purchase fresh fruits,

vegetables, meat, milk, etc. Donations are not accepted in lieu of lost or damaged material. All of the county's branches will be taking food bank donations until Dec. 30.

A photograph of a winter forest. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow, with numerous footprints visible. Long, dark shadows of trees are cast across the snow. The trees are mostly bare, with some snow on their branches. The sky is visible through the canopy of trees in the background.

2011 Season's Greetings

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What is your favourite part of Christmas?

The pool of Christmas presents

By Brenden Newhook

I wake up really early Christmas morning. My mom, dad and Shayla are sleeping and I wake them up. We tiptoe downstairs where the Christmas tree stands. My sister runs straight to her stocking, which is overflowing with presents and I run to mine. Mom says I can't open the presents until she gets the video camera. Under the tree, it's a mountain of presents. As I go to tell my mom to hurry up, out of the corner of my eye, I see one of my presents. I dive into the pool of presents. My mom and dad come running down the stairs to find me buried in presents. It doesn't take me very long to rip open one of the presents. My sister happily opens her presents that she got from Santa. When we are done opening the presents we feel excited but sad because we have to wait until next year.

The Christmas tree

By Hannah Taylor

I walk into my home. I can see the bright Christmas tree with gifts piling on top of each other. The Christmas tree is enormous. The Christmas lights are so bright, like snowflakes are falling. When I see my tree, I say Christmas is coming soon. In my mind, I can hear my family ripping wrapping paper off the gifts. My Christmas tree is special. Every Christmas, we decorate our Christmas tree with blue and white bulbs. The beautiful Christmas tree is bright with colours. Our bulbs are sometimes broken and sometimes not, but our Christmas tree is still perfect. Every year, when we put up our Christmas tree, I feel that this will be the best Christmas ever.

Opening Christmas presents

By Matea Cameron

There are gigantic and tiny presents there waiting for you under the Christmas tree. All different colours of paper - red, green, blue, gold and even sometimes orange. My brother and I are ripping open presents, not even hesitating. Our mouths open, our eyes wide! My brother grabs the presents and hands them to the people they belong to. We drink hot chocolate. Christmas morning is so exciting! It's such a wonderful time of year.



Christmas morning is special

By Breanna Stephenson

I wake up and the house is very quiet because everyone is still sleeping. My mouth is dry so I go get a drink of milk. Maggy, my dog, needs to go outside right away so she won't mess in the house. I open the porch door to let her out. I turn and see presents on the couch from Santa. I remember that it's Christmas morning and go and jump on everyone's bed to wake them up. I am so excited! My sister Larissa and my brother Bennet and I all dump out our stockings on the floor. I see lots of candies and little toys. My favourite is the little chocolate eggs. They melt on my tongue. There is no room on the couch because it's full of big presents from Santa. At our house, it goes by age, so my sister Larissa gets to open her present first. Then it's my turn. I pick the biggest present that is wrapped in silver and blue snowflakes. I rip it open and it's full of stuffies and outfits for Princess my guinea pig. I love it! Still in order, we open up all the other presents and play with our toys. Dad takes pictures of us opening our presents. Christmas morning is special because we get lots of toys for no reason and get to spend time just with our family.


"It's Christmas!"

By Romey Hewson-Lawr

When I woke up in the morning, I yelled, "Mom, Rob, Mom, Rob, Mom. it's Christmas. it's Christmas!" I am so excited! I was running to their bedroom to wake them up and then I ran back up the stairs to Mackenzie's room. I yelled, "wake up! it's Christmas!" I ran to my Christmas tree. Then I ripped the wrapper off my presents. I am so excited. I felt so proud of Santa Claus. He knew what I wanted for Christmas. I have been waiting for a long, long, long time and I finally got

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Christmas can be special in many ways

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it. It was awesome, Wolverine Claws. The best present ever. I play with it every day. I loved it. I can do so many tricks with it. That Christmas day was the best ever.

Christmas morning is the best morning

By Logan Hellstrom

I woke up and I went to my living room. I saw toys under my tree. I felt happy and I couldn't wait to open my presents. I ate breakfast. The cereal was good. We opened the presents and there was army men in the box. Christmas morning is the best morning.

Wrapping presents

By Jessica Lee

As I walked into my mom's room, I can see the presents almost wrapped up. There are lots of presents. There are presents for my sister, my brother and my grandparents. We have everything we need to wrap the presents. When I finish wrapping one, I put the beautiful present in the pile. Every time I see the presents, I just can't help but smile. I can't wait to open my presents on Christmas morning.

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Christmas brings loads and loads of presents

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Christmas morning

By Drake Johannessen

When Dad wakes me up, I am so excited. I run out in the living room. I can't believe my eyes. I see so many presents. Too many presents to count. We open the presents. I opened the first present fast and I ripped it apart. The paper goes all over the floor. I find a red Skylander. I am so happy. It was from dad. I gave him a big hug. My dad said "thanks for the hug." I put the toy aside and open more presents. I see snow out the window. Christmas makes me feel happy.

Christmas Eve day

By Christian Casella

My dad wakes me up early Christmas Eve morning. We drive to the city. I can barely keep my eyes open. We hang out in the city to visit places like Lake Ontario. Each year, I feel amazed to see all my cousins. I hear the sound of people running around and screaming. I smell my favourite chicken

being made by my Grandma. Now it's time to open the presents. I get a lot each year. When it's time to leave, I say bye to each of my cousins. I can't wait to see them next year.

A large grin on Christmas morning

By Mackenzie Porter

I wake up really early hoping under the tree will be overflowing with gifts. Huge ones, tiny ones and lots more. The first thing I do is scamper to my Mom and Dad's room. I lightly tap them until they wake up and I do that to everybody. Next we have to sit down on the floor, but I'm so excited I don't want to sit down. I can smell candy canes and gingerbread. Also, I can hear our wonderful Christmas music from our snowglobe. I always have a large grin on Christmas morning.

Christmas day

By Cody Wessell

Early Christmas morning, there was a massive load of gifts. You hardly could see the Christmas tree! I was so excited. My stocking was way too full. I jumped on my dad to wake him up. I was so happy to open my gifts. I was jumping with glee. I ran to my sister and said, "He was here!" My mom was making coffee. My mom and dad were half asleep, but I was wide awake. I called my whole family to tell them what I got. Then we went for a sleigh ride. On the sleigh ride, we saw deer tracks. It was so fun because we heard the hames jingling and we were singing Christmas carols. I heard the horses tramping. That's a cool

noise. When night came, I went to my grandma's for dinner. I got more gifts. It was the best Christmas ever.

The Christmas party

By Jayme Coltman

In the afternoon, we get in the car and go. Then when I get out of the car, I run inside the house and say hi to my aunt and uncles and all of my other family members. I run over to the presents and feel them. I am wondering what's inside. I go to the chocolate fountain. We start the games! The last game we play is Present War. I feel happy when I get my present. Then we go out in the snow. Best Christmas party ever!

The best Christmas ever

By Quintin Beaver

As I got out of bed, I shook my brother until he was awake. Then we pounced on the bed of my mom and dad until they were awake. Logan and I flew down our wooden staircase. When we got around the corner, there was just what I wanted - UFC punch-

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Christmas means spending time with family

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ing bag and a nerf gun! My dad dragged me up the staircase and in the garage was a brand new snowmobile! I went nuts that I got a shiny, blue, new snowmobile. I jumped down the staircase and I told my mom. Then I ripped and tore the rest of the presents open. I asked my dad if I could take my snowmobile for a ride. He said, "Of course you can." I took it for a ride up the gravel road then I came back. I told my mom and my dad this is the best Christmas ever.

A load of presents

By Billy Walker

As I run down the stairs, I see a load of presents! I was very surprised. I ran to get everybody up and pull them out of bed. I hand out all the presents. Then I got to unwrap my presents first! When we finish opening presents, my sister and I pick up our favourite toy and start playing with it. Then we all have some hot chocolate. Once we are done, I go look at the tree covered with bright colours – red, blue, yellow, green and purple. Next, I start picking up the wrapping paper. That's how I spend my Christmas morning. Everyone was thankful that Christmas morning.

Christmas dinner

By Grace Lippolis

Yummy! Dad makes the best Christmas dinner! The turkey, the dressing, the squash. Oh! It's making me hungry just thinking about it. My family comes to celebrate and have fun. Oh, how wonderful it is! What else could I dream of? My Zia Rose comes with her 3 daughters, Malisa, Sam and Nichole and my Uncle Chuck. My Nonna and Nonno come and so does my Uncle Anthony. My Nonna brings her Italian Espresso Cake. Mmmmmmm! I love Christmas dinner. Thanks Dad!

Opening our Christmas stockings

By Trista Greer

I woke up earlier than ever. I ran to my living room to my snowman stocking. It was wider than ever this year. Full of gifts coming out of the side. I am full of curiosity! I want to rip open my stocking to get to the gifts! We each pour things out of our stockings.

Of course, dad goes first while mom drinks her coffee. She is holding my hand trying to get me not to open my gifts. Then I open my stocking, then mom, then my dog. We all have gigantic smiles on our faces on Christmas morning!

My Christmas Stocking

By Teo O'Malley

I woke up Christmas morning and ran down the stairs and got my stocking off its hook. I looked inside and I saw it was stuffed with candy and toys. I dumped it on the floor. I asked my mom if I could have a piece of my favourite candy. It's called Sour Patch Kids. She said, "Yes!" I picked up each toy and looked at them all. I thought they were all cool! While Ria and D opened their presents, I stuffed my stocking again and took it up to my room so Ria can't find it. I put it away and went back downstairs. I can't wait to open my presents. My Christmas morning was awesome!

Christmas morning

By Tevin Sullivan

Snow on the ground, lights on the tree, and presents under the tree. It's my favourite part of year. It's so exciting. When I

wake up, I can picture the millions of presents under the tree. I love this special day of December. My mom and dad are still sleeping while my sister and I decide to have breakfast. The thrill of waking up my parents and rushing to the Christmas tree with my sister and brother and tearing open our little presents first and saving the biggest ones for last! My favourite part of the year is Christmas morning!

Christmas presents!


By Ruthie Parker

I hear the sound of ripping paper on Christmas morning. I hear laughter and joyfulness. I watch people open presents and I play with the tissue paper that comes out of the presents. We get cool stuff, like Pet Shops and then we play with it. Rosie gets to play with her new doggy toys too. I feel thankful for all the Christmas presents.

The Christmas Eve train

By Bence Suranyi

I am very happy on the day before Christmas because I open my presents on Christmas Eve. I am very excited because Christmas is tomorrow! My family puts together a train track and places the train on it carefully. It looks like a real train when you put steam gas in the train. We sit down for Christmas dinner. The table is decorated with the dinner food on top. The chicken smells so good, I go right to eating. When I am done, I feel too full. When I go to bed, I feel tired. I had a big day and I feel happy. Aaahhh!



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I like Christmas. We get to set up the Christmas tree. We have little balls that say "on the first day of Christmas" and they keep on repeating. Then we bake gingerbread men.

I open presents when I wake up on Christmas day. Later my family goes skiing at Sir Sam's.

I like Christmas because I get to watch Christmas movies. I watch *The Grinch Who stole Christmas*. I think Christmas is really special because that was the day that Jesus was born. Also I get to spend time with my family.

Love, Ella

Dear Mom

I like Christmas because we go sledding on a big hill and my Dad goes fast.

Then we go home and eat turkey dinner.

It is good. After we watch Christmas movies like the *Grinch*.

The move is awesome.

From, Dawson

Dear Daddy

I like Chirstmas. We put our Christmas tree up in the living room. On Christmas Eve Santa comes and gives us presents. On Christmas morning I open my presents. We eat turkey rice, potatoes and vegetables for diner.

Love, Gage

Dear Mom

I like Christmas because we see grandma and grandpa. We decorate the tree and our living room and dining room.

We cook and eat a big turkey dinner.

Love, Crystal

Dear Mom

Christmas is special.

We put up a tree. Next we decorate our house. Finally we cook and eat our turkey.

Love, Lily



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Dear Santa ...

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Dear Mom

I like Christmas because it is fun. I get to play in the snow, make cookies, and decorate the tree. I get to put the star on top. My favourite part of Christmas is playing with my new toys.

Love, Bronson

Dear Mom

I like Christmas because my family puts up lights and a tree. We get presents and it is fun to play with our toys.

We sing carols to people.

We thank God and Jesus. We have a special dinner.

From, Scott

Dear Dad

I like Christmas because I get to see the funny Santa in Toronto. We decorate our tree with teddy bears. We play in the snow. Christmas is special to me.

Love, Emmeline

Dear Luke

Christmas is special.

First we hang lights up.

Next we put the tree up.

Then we decorate inside the house.

Lastly we put cookies and milk out for Santa. This is why Christmas is fun.

Your friend, Curtis

Dear Emma

Christmas is special because my family gets together. We decorate our tree. We bake cookies. We give away presents.

We eat turkey for dinner.

We watch movies and old videos. We unwrap presents. We go and see old friends. We sing songs.

This is why Christmas is important to my family.

From, Aryah

Dear Dad

Christmas is important to me.

We decorate the Xmas tree and we wrap presents. We have our cousins come over. We give people their presents and we put the video camera

out. We also make cards and cookies. We leave some cookies and milk out for Santa.

Luke

Dear Dad

Christmas holidays are special.

We go to my Nan's house.

On weekends we go tobogganing. We have hot chocolate afterwards. Sometimes I go to two houses on Christmas Day.

From, Jacob

Dear Mom,

I like Christmas.

My favourite thing to do on Christmas is clean the floor. Then we get some games ready for our friends.

Lastly we wrap presents for our friends. I like staying up really late Christmas Eve.

From, Sophie

Dear Dad,

Christmas is special.

We get to decorate the tree with music notes and fake reindeer. On Christmas Eve we put out milk and

cookies for Santa. Thank you Dad for everything.

Your Daughter, Heather

Dear Mom

I like Christmas. We visit Nana. On Christmas Day we open presents, sing carols and eat turkey.

From, Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,

Christmas is fun.

At school we decorate the classroom. At home we bake cookies and put up lights.

We eat cinnamon buns for breakfast every Christmas morning. They taste delicious. Then we cook a big turkey dinner.

When we visit family we exchange gift. I love to visit my family and friends. I love Christmas because it is exciting!

From, Emma

Dear Santa,

I enjoy Christmas. I will be sure to

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put cookies, milk and carrots out for the reindeer.
From, Bailiey

Dear Santa,

I am looking forward to Christmas. I will be good. I will have lots of cookies for you to eat and a drink. I want a snowy Christmas Eve. Our tree is decorated and we will sing Christmas carols and look at the presents.

From, Dakota

*From Mrs. Coneybeare's
Grade 3 Class*

I am all soft and cozy waiting for Christmas day. First, put me over the fireplace where I hang, then



fill me up with candy and mini toys. Next, open up my large pouch on Christmas Day. I love to be part of Christmas.

From the Stocking
(aka Rylie Kegle)

One night I was hanging on the left side of the Christmas tree. Santa grabbed me by my hook. He bit me it hurt so bad that I cried. Where am I? Am I in Santas stomach? I am in Santas stomach. It feels wierd. I don't know what this is. I wish I did know. I may as well have a good time anyway. I will just float around in these juices. All of a sudden I heard Santas voice. HoHoHo is that ever sweet and tasty. Then there was a big bubble that carried me away.

From Chris McKnight

We are busy busy packing up the sleigh. First, I got my suit on and my bell shoes. Next, I went to reach for the wish list. After that, I walked into the stuffed animal shop and made a little treat for Mrs. Claus, its a stuffed animal dressed like Santa. I made it to thank her for all the yummy cookies she bakes for us. We filled the sleigh. "Bye we yelled!" to Santa. Santa is off. The reindeer are pulling the sleigh while the magic is helping if fly up in the sky.

From the Elf
(aka Sterling Nesbitt)

Twirl, cut, bake in the oven I go! The heat was cooking my out side and my centre was all soft. I felt cooler all of a sudden as they yanked me out of the oven. Someone squirted icing all over me and it was gooey! Next they sprinkled chocolate bits on me, sprinkles and a candy cane for me cane.

Lastly, the people poked a huge hole through my head. I thought it was going to hurt oh it's not so bad. They're just hanging my on the Christmas tree.

I was smelling lika a pine forest on that tree. I wiggled and jumped off the tree. I said to my self will I get caught? I felt worried and scared. I thought people were sleeping cause it was dark and quiet. I ran out the door and hopped on Santas sled. We flew off to Gingerland where my cookie, jube, jube and



candy cane house is. I jumped with glee! I feel generous and thanked Santa.

From Alex Little (aka the Gingerbread man)

Dear Santa

Me and my friends are tired of hanging and dangling on your Christmas tree. Why can't you make some new ornaments or get some out of storage? So we can have a break from this dangling job every year. That would be nice and kind of you. I would really really really appreciate it. I want to have more fun in my life, on your bed and I want to bounce on it. Why do you let other ornaments have breaks? It is no fair. Can you make it fair? I am so mad that I have to be on the tree every year.

From Lex the ornament

p.s. Please tell Mrs Claus I want a new job that is far away from the prickly tree.

By Alexius Mills

I am sitting on the counter top to help kids count down to Christmas Day. I am an unusual calendar because I only come out on Christmas and you can get only 31 days of chocolate. When you open up my flaps you get a tiny chocolate square to eat. Open up my square flaps and you will find a chocolate with a picture on it and it tastes yummy. I am slowly getting emptied as the kids are eating my chocolate and I can't stop the kids from eating my goodies. Finally, when it is Christmas I can be left alone and not get my flaps opened so I am happy.

From Cody Martin

It all started in a dark cold box. I was waiting

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for Christmas. So I can shine all over the ceiling. I heard footsteps and a kid put me on the tree. I was hanging on a tree branch. I was round and glittery. When I looked up I saw lights and a star on top. I was so excited I felt special. That night all was quiet then I heard bells. I wondered if it was Santa Claus? Something was going down the chimney, it was Santa Claus. Finally when Christmas was over I had to wait 364 more days until next Christmas. Well have a Happy Year!

From the Decoration
(aka Jonathon Clark Davin Bittner)

Oh No! I am scared! I am going to go in the oven! It is going to hurt! Right now I am on the cutting board. I might be split in two! I see the knife laying over on the counter. I hope someone puts that sharp knife away because it is making me feel depressed. I'm going to run away! Oh no! Someone is chasing me and they are speedy! He caught me! He added a spice to my dough and slipped me in the oven. Later, I got cooked into a gingerbread cookie! Now, he is putting me on a plate marked "snacks for Santa". It is red and white. Oh No! I'm going to be eaten, there comes Santa! He carefully lifted me up and nibbled on my smartie belly button quietly. Oh no! I am in Santa's stomach! But I found cookies! Cookies galore! I think Santa's stomach isn't bad after all! I yelled "Yum"! I took a bite of a cookie. This is wonderful!

From the Gingerbread man (aka Sam Hoenow)

One cold Christmas I was standing alone in the forest. I saw something, it was coming towards me. Then it wacked me with an ax. I fell to the ground, it hurt! The thing dragged me through the snow and put me in a truck. He dropped me on the livingroom floor and someone stood me up and put ornaments on me. Then went to bed. Finally in the morning there were presents under me. A little boy found a big present. It was a baby reindeer. He loved it. It was cute. I felt happy to be a Christmas

tree with this family.

From the Stocking (aka Tim Miscio)

I was sitting in a Christmas store when I heard a person come in and he picked me up. He was walking down to the cashier, he put me down and the cashier checked me out. I was scared, now he was taking me home in his car. We stopped at his house. Next we were in the door, he took off his boots and he was walking down the stairs. Finally he put me down and I watched a kid putting ornaments on the tree. The dad picked me up again. It hurt cause he was squishing me as he put me on the very top of the tree. It was spiky but I like being at the top of the Christmas tree. I spread my wings out proudly as I watched Christmas cheer fly through the sky.

From the Angel (aka Cole Prentice)

Do you want to hear a story?

It all started two days before that big sleigh ride. All the reindeer were practicing their flying skills except me. Every reindeer at flying practice was calling me names like Blinky. I never wished to have a red nose. I was feeling very very upset. Then the big day came, all the reindeer were getting ready to pull the sleigh, all but me. As I watched the sleigh leave I was left behind with the elves. I felt blue.

From Rudolf (aka Grace Wagenaar)



One morning I woke up and I stretched my hooves. I scratched my red, shiny nose. I went outside. I was nervous I saw bullies that were kicking my tiny little elf friends. My heart was pounding and my legs were shaking. I tried to help my elf friends. I said "Please leave my friends alone!" But then the bullies came for me. Now I was scared but then I saw Clorese, my reindeer friend. She made me feel brave and strong. I stood up for my friends. I yelled, "Hey you Bullies, if keep being mean you will end up on the naughty list." The bullies started to be nice to everybody. I felt free and proud that I helped my little elf friends.

From Rudolf (aka Chantell Paradie)

Swirly Christmas Tree

Hey kids I'm going to tell you why you need a tree like me at your house for Christmas. If you didn't have me in your house, Santa wouldn't have any-

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thing to put presents under. I make you feel like it is Christmas as soon as you put me up. I feel happy when you decorate me with all those candy canes and lights and shiny sparkly Christmas balls and I know you feel happy too. if I wasn't in your living room it wouldn't be much fun.

You wouldn't have much to look at that is a beautiful as I am, and there would be no good place to put your angel. So make sure you get an enormous tree to decorate and maybe you will get more presents under it.

Tyler W.

Dear Santa

Have you ever tasted one of my mints. I love liv-

ing int he North Pole because it is soooo cold. If I lived in a hot climate I would melt. What I want for Christmas is a new hat, new scarf and a new pipe. Because my old hat has a hole in it. Am I on the naughty list? I hope not. I am very excited about Christmas and my present. Have a Merry Christmas.

From your old friend Frosty (aka Dakota Mahler)

I'm getting a head ache because there are so many children screaming in my ears. This Bunny is biting my trunk stop that right now or I will hit you with my branch. I don't get to do anything beacuse i'm just a tree. I'm freezing out here. Please cut me down "Pretty Please!" I asked the family if they would bring me home to be their Christmas tree, they smiled at me and said "Yes". They cut me down I feel excited that I'm someone's christmas tree.

From Aidan

It all started when I was under this big prickly tree with all of these big sparkly lights in my eyes. Yuk, I smell pine. O och' that hurts what is yanking on my bow. Wow that felt good. Wait don't put me in that big garbage bag, I have feelings too. Nooo smash! Dang I knew this would happen the minute I got put under that big prickly tree. I hate being a present, it just makes me so frustrated.

(aka Emmalynn Crowe)

I am cramped and squished in this tiny box in a house. I wish a kid would open me soon and play with me. This box is so hot I feel like

Im at the beach on a hot summer day. The next morning it was Christmas day. I can hear people runing speedy quick and a kid is shaking the box that I'm in. The kid is ripping the box. I smell a yummy smell, I thought I smelt pancakes. The kid lifted my lid off. The kid yelled Yah hoo! He played and played for hours with me. I love being a toy.

From Jake

It is so dark in here! I hear foot steps, a child is opening the box that I am in. I feel nervous. He grabs me out of the box but is really careful. He has huge eyes and looks friendly. Next he shows me to his Mom I heard his Mom say that I am going to be a really good present for him. I felt really excited as he unwrapped the paper that got stuck on me. After that the boy ran to the carpet and played with me for a whole hour. He said to his Mom that I am going to be a really good present.

Denise Sherbakov

Dear Santa

I am excited about Christmas this year and wearing my elf hat.

It is fun to make toys for the kids in your work shop.

I am tired because I am running back and forth in your work shop.

I am happy because you gave me and the other elves a break for a snowball fight.

From Elf (aka Nathan Miscio)

Dear Santa Claus

I like to stay in the North Pole So I won't melt.

I like to fly in the sky, it feels free.

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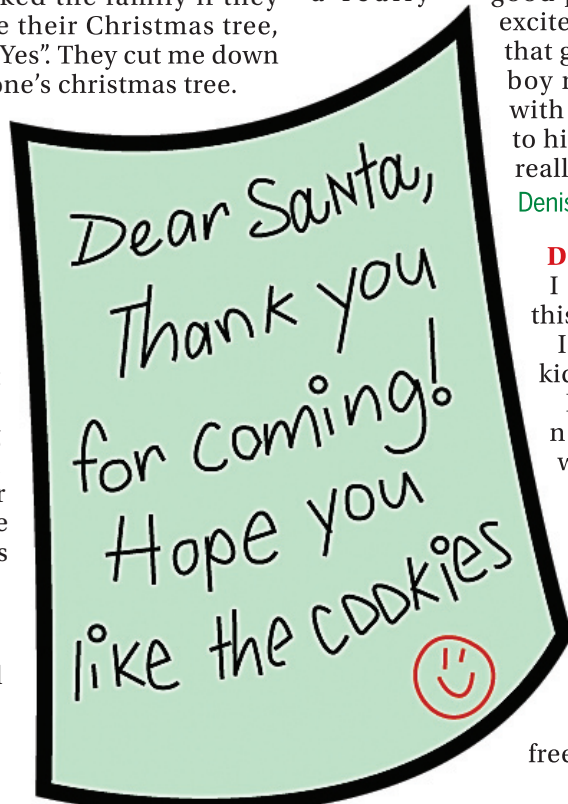
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I can go zigzag ways.
I sparkle up the sky as I fall.
I lay on the nice shining snow. When I landed on your beard Santa, it was soft like a pillow. I'm proud to be a snowflake.

From Snowflake (Danaya MacDuff)

Dear Santa

I think your job has become much harder because there are so many kids in the world. How do you get to them in one night? Is it hard for the reindeer to pull the sleigh?

I also think your job changed because now we ask for electronics and when my parents were little they asked for a ball or a jersey. And the electronics are more difficult to make. How do you fit all the toys in your bag?

It is hard for all the elves to make all the new high tech toys that we are asking for? Are you ever a couple of days behind? I have been behind before and I had a lot of work to do, did you have a lot of work to do?

I have always wondered are you the only Santa or are there different Santa's in different country's? Has your job changed?

I think you have a really cool job, delivering toys to over 7 billion people in the world. Oh I almost forgot to ask you, how are you? I am great, looking forward to Christmas.

Sincerely, Madison Allaire

p.s. do you know how to figure skate?
p.p.s. what kinds of animals are in the North Pole?
p.p.p.s. I can teach you if you want.

Dear Santa

Hi Santa, how are you? Did you have a good spring, summer, and fall break? I bet you are really busy this time of year because it is only 19 days till Christmas. I am very excited about it.

I think that your job now is much harder than it

was in the olden days. I think this because, I talked in class and with my parents and they said that you used to bring them clementines for Christmas, and if they were really lucky, they would get a little toy, or some candy. now we get laptops, MP3's, and very technical things.

Also your job is much harder because, you need to make more stops in the world, because there is a bigger population. As well, you give out more presents than you did in the olden days. The presents you give out on Christmas are more technical than they were in the olden days.

Here are some questions I have really wanted to ask you: How do you feel about how your job has changed and the more advanced toys that your elves have to make? I think it is really nice of you to bring us all the things we want. Especially when it is a D, S or something really expensive. Is your toy shop more technical or are your elves highly trained to make more technical toys? The kids in my class think that your elves workshop is more technical. By the way, how are the reindeer? Also, how is Mrs. Clause? One more question, how is Rudolph and is his nose still shining bright?

Sincerely Skye Miscio

P.S. I am so excited for Christmas, are you?

P.P.S. Are any of the reindeer sick? I sure hope not so they can pull the sleigh on Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa

Hey how are you doing? I hope you had a good summer vacation but sadly, it's over. You're back to making toys. Anyway, I have 2 questions for you. 1. How old are you?? 2. What's your middle name?????

Also I have some thoughts about how your job has changed since the past and how it is similar to the past. In the past you didn't have to make as many toys as you do right now, right? I think this because; you gave my grandparents clementines and my parents' toys. But now you have to give the kids electronics and all of that stuff. Also there are more kids

in the world then there were in the past.

Another reason I think this is that you've been eating cookies for the past 1000 years or so. And you must be getting fatter and fatter every year. No offense though. So you would weigh the sleigh down and all the gifts would weigh it down too. So the sleigh would go slower, and it would take you longer to get to every kid's house.

Sincerely, Brendan Taylor of Minden, Ontario, Canada

Dear Santa

How are you feeling today, you must be getting ready to start making the presents?

I think your job has gotten harder from when my parents and grandparents were young. I think it was

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easier back then because my parents said that their mom and dad only got a small present and something made by hand and also an orange or a clementine.

I also think that it is harder now since we are kids because there are more people in the world and electronics for us to play. Unlike when my grandparents were young they got some handmade stuff. Now for Christmas in my family we would get DVD's, DS games and more. For our main present we normally get something big then some more small things. But in the past

they would only get something small instead on one big thing and lots more small presents like we do now. That is how it would be harder from in the past.

I hope I have been good enough so I can get some good presents. I will make sure I leave out some cookies for



you. Have a good time making presents!!

Sincerely Carley Duncan

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Hopefully you are almost done your Christmas preparation. It's so close to Christmas and I am so excited!

I've been wondering about your job, if it's hard or easy to deliver all those presents in one night! You must be tired from jumping down all those chimneys in one night too! There are more chimneys now then there was when my grandparents had Christmas. I'd feel really tired when I got back from the North Pole with all those extra chimneys.

Well I think your job is harder now because the population is larger and it would be hard on the elves to make lots of Hi-tech toys! I think your job is hard because a night is 12 hours and you deliver all those presents in that much time!

My grandparents would have got chocolates and a few toys. Now kids expect five or more presents that are high tech. I chatted with my Grandparents and they told me that you use to bring them clementine's and a wooden toy, but if they were lucky they would get some chocolates too. Now you bring more

Hi-tech toys to us. Also don't you hate those snow storms? Well your job must be hard because you have to go through all those snow storms!

Sincerely Dawson MacDuff

P.S. Do you like cookies because I am going to leave cookies out for you on Christmas Eve?

P.P.S. How's Rudolph?

P.P.P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me.

Dear Santa

Hello Santa how are you doing? I am a 11 year old girl that lives in Minden, Ontario!

How are the reindeer doing? Do any of the reindeer have a cold? I want to know if the reindeer have a cold because then all of them can't pull the sleigh! I hope they are all doin well! Are all of the reindeer going to be able to pull the sleigh this year? I would really like Rudolph to pull the sleigh this year so I can maybe see his red, shiny, bright, nose this Christmas!!!!

Am I on the naughty list or am I on the good list? I would please like to know if I am on the naughty list or the good list because I have been trying to be as good as I can, but it is really hard. I have been throwing snowballs at people but I guess that's not too naughty hee hee!

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Santa I think your job is harder than from when my parents were kids because you probably have a lot more kids to deliver to because there are more kids then when my parents were kids. That means you have to fly to more kids house at night.

Also your elves probably have to make bigger presents because of all of the new stuff that has come out, like the new technology, and the big toys that some of the kids want!!! When my grandparents were little they just got socks and fruit! That means that your elves used to have to grow a lot of fruit and make a bunch of little toys. But now all of your elves have to make a bunch of big technology stuff.

But I have to go so Bye Bye Santa!!!!

From Shelby Stamp

Dear Santa Claus,

I was wondering how you think your job has changed from 50 years ago when my great Nana was a child? I think it has changed a lot because when my nana was young she said she got little wooden toys that were handed down from when her mom was young.

I think that it has changed drastically because now we don't want to get little things like candy, we want electrical devices. Subsequently my great nana became an older woman who had not got good presents and now she gets the best of all the presents and toys for us kids.

I also think your job is harder because all the kids don't want one present, they would not be happy with one present but maybe two three. Then my grandma was little she would have liked little Disney toys.

The population has increased drastically so you will have to make more presents for the kids. Also one family might not have one kid so that is more presents per family. I think it's different because in the olden days there were less people.

I hope the elves are not getting sick so they can make presents, are they OK? Make sure the reindeer get sleep

before the big night.

Love your pen pal Tyra Barrett

Ps Am I on the naughty list?
PPS How do you fit in my chimney?
PPP.S How is MS. Claus?
PPP.s I am good with anything that is harry potter or Twilight?

Dear Santa

Hi How are you? I have a couple questions for you. I have been thinking about your job this year, I think that your job is harder because you have to deliver more toys to more people and you have to make more toys. I asked my grandparents what they would get for Christmas they said they would only get three things for example socks, a ball and a wooden toy if they were lucky. You also have to make more difficult toys so it would take longer. What do you think about your job?

I was wondering what kind of food that you give to your reindeer? So I can give them a snack they like. I want the reindeer to be my friends, so they can give me a ride around the world. It must be really cool.

Also I wanted to know how you get to 1,000,000 houses a night? Are your reindeer SUPER fast because it seems that they are as fast as light. How cool is it to ride the world in one night.

I have a few more questions for you. First how fast does your sleigh go? Because it must be really fast. Or is all the work the reindeer pulling it.

Second I wanted to know where in the world do you go first. So I know around what time I should go to bed. Because I really want to meet your can you come to my house first when your in my town?

Finally what do you want for Christmas? I want to know what I should get for you because no one ever gets you anything so I wanted to do something nice for someone who always gets something nice for me.

Sincerely, Nikki Weber

p.s. Thank you for everything you ever got me.

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Dear Santa

I think that your job is really hard from a long time ago because you have more kids to make presents for and you have to go around the whole world in one night. Another thing is that you have to give every person in the world a present and you only have to one Christmas to another Christmas to build what every they want in one year, that sounds like the job is difficult to handle. Another thing I want to ask you is how hard is it to deliver all of the presents in one night?

I think that your job has changed because you have more things to make and more places to deliver toys, because more houses are being built this year so you have more things on your hand then back in the day because they got little toys like teddy bears and little hand made toys but we get bigger stuff like dirt bikes clothes and way more stuff that I can go on and on.

From Sydney Moore.

P.S. Do you have machines to make your presents?
PP.S How long does it take to make it around the world in one night?
PPP.S what if your reindeer get tired when you are in the middle of the world what do you do?
PPPP.S what is favourite kind of cookies?

Dear Santa

How are you feeling this year? This year has been a great year for me.

I think your job is a lot harder from when my parents or grandparents were kids, because there are a lot more kids in the world from when my grandparents or parents were kids. Now kids ask for big presents. When my grandparents were kids they asked for small presents.

Santa your job is also harder because you spend the whole year making presents and don't get summer vacation, or March break, or time to play sports like hockey. When grandparents were kids you got summer vacation because their presents were small so you can make them in less time than now.

Sincerely Jesse Sisson

Dear Santa

Hi How are you?

I heard that your job got a lot harder since my parents were young like me right now. I think I know why. It's because there are more kids that are asking for new technology. Kids are asking for something that is technology. Like for example one of my friends asked for an iPod touch or an iPad 2 and she got an iPad 2. Did your elves make that for real?

Is it ok if I ask you some questions? How do you get past the burglar alarms that are in peoples houses? Am I on the nice list or the naughty list? Do you have a computer or something electronic if you do please tell me? I wish to know your email causes if you do can you please tell me your email address. Also what am I going to get for New Years Eve? What do you think is your job harder or easier? I really want to know if it got harder because I am very curious to know.

Do you like your job or not. As I said before I am very curious about your job. I also want to know if your toy shop is still the same like it was when my parents were young? I think it did change because everyone is asking for an iPhone, iPad, or and iPad2.

I really think your job is pretty fun, is it actually like I think? Do you like cookies or vegetables or fruits better? How do you land on the roof and don't fall when you are stopping? Do you have that golden stick with what you fly or do you have a sleigh and reindeers like Santa Claus? Like the Russian tradition when Santa hits the golden stick on the ground he flies to the next house. Would you please come to my house and celebrate New Years' with me and my family? I don't really want anything other than for my mom's friends. I want her to be happy. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Eve. Thank you for all the best and

awesome presents you have given!

From Alisa Zaynutdinova

P.S. YOU ARE SO COOL
P.P.S. AWESOME
PRESENTS!

Hi Santa,

How are you? Did you get a summer vacation this year? And before I forget, I have three questions for you. How old are you? I want to know

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this because my grandparents said that you were alive, when their grandparents were alive.

Do you know how to play hockey? I want to know this because I play hockey like every day. If you never play hockey, then you should just make some skates, and make a rink in your back yard and go skating.

How fast does your sleight go? This is a good question because you travel to billions of houses in one day! So your sleigh must go pretty fast, because that's like impossible to go to 7,000,000,000 houses in one day.

I think your job when I was my grand- were kids going to about the past didn't as

has changed from a kid to when parents so I am tell you that. In you make much



presents and in the past you made smaller presents then you do now. I know this because I talked to my grandparents and they said that you gave them two or three gifts, they were oranges I know that your job has got a lot harder than when my grandparents and maybe a pair of socks and if they were lucky, some chocolate.

Now when I'm a kid I get electronics, now there is a lot more people in the world then when my grandparents were kids.

That's a lot harder because if there is 7,000,000,000 houses to go to that's a lot harder than 7,000,000 houses.

Sincerely, Owen (Smitty) Smith

P.S. would you please right back your answer to my questions and please tell me what you think about what I said about how it changed?

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm good, I'm really excited for Christmas!

Your job must be really hard. How is it even possible to go around the world, stop at every house and give every person in the entire world presents? How fast does your sleigh have to go to get all around the world? You would have to go like 1,000,000 miles per second!

It must be much harder that when my parents and grandparents were kids. There are so much more people on earth then when my mom and dad were young.

How is it possible for you to even fit down the chimney, why do you always wear that red suit? It looks really old and worn out. You should get a new one; maybe it should be purple this time!

Yesterday my pet blobfish and I were arguing and I told him to get a life, and now that's what he wants for Christmas. I thought you should know that. But I don't think it is possible to give him a life, unless you can bring him a

wife and a successful job.

How can you eat all those cookies and milk in one night? It must be awesome to eat all those cookies in one night and not explode or get a heart attack or something.

I wish I could do that!

Do you ever get sick from eating all those cookies?

And how much do you weigh now, because with all those cookies you eat I think you would weight like 1,000,000 pounds by now?

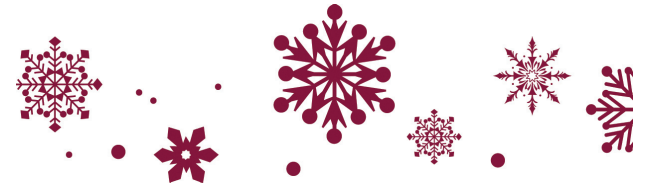
What if people don't have a chimney? Do you just walk in through their front door?

And what if their door is locked? How do you know who celebrates Christmas because there are lots of people who don't celebrate Christmas because they are Jewish or something...?

Love River Christiano!

P.S. I hope you have an AWESOME Christmas.

P.P.S. Have fun eating all those cookies!



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Noisy Poem on Presents

Rip, rip, scrunch!
Look at that one last present under the tree,
Rip, rip, scrunch!
What an awesome present for me,
Rip, rip, scrunch!
So big and so awesome,
Rip, rip, scrunch!
I am going to go play with it.

By Tyler Martin and Carley Gullins

Noisy Christmas Poem with Santa Claus

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Santa drops presents from the sky
Ho! Ho! Ho!
In the middle of the night riding on reindeer
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Giving boys and girls presents for you and me
Ho! Ho! Ho!
He loves you and he loves me
Ho! Ho! Ho!

By Quinten Little and Devyn Garbutt

Noisy Christmas Poem on Mrs. Claus

Yum yum yum!

As Mrs. Claus pulls the cookies out of the oven.
Yum yum yum!
Then she decorates the cookies
Yum yum yum!
As Santa sprints down the hall as fast as he can.
Yum yum yum!
Finally Santa eats the cookies.
Yum yum yum!

By Victoria Kegel and Aiden Neave

Noisy Christmas Poem on Reindeer

Reindeer taking off at the North pole
Tap, tap, tap!
Reindeer landing on peoples' homes
Tap, tap, tap!
The reindeer are helping Santa Claus landing
Tap, tap, tap!

By Brenden Smith and Zachary Davis

Noisy Christmas Poem on Elves

Tap, bang, bang!
The elves are working everyday
Tap, bang, bang!
Waiting until Christmas to come,
Tap, bang, bang!
They will make toys for you,
Tap, bang, bang!

Merry Christmas they shout to everyone,
By Jenna Oxley and Brian Kim

Noisy Christmas Poem

Rudolf
Glow, blink, blink!
Rudolf guides the way with his shiny nose,
Glow, blink, blink!
Rudolf leads the herd to his destination,
Glow, blink, blink!
Rudolf zooms in the air as fast as lightning,
Glow, blink, blink!
Rudolf happily prances on the roof while Santa delivers
the presents,
Glow, blink, blink!

By Colin Crowe and Jasmine Jawanda

Noisy Christmas Poem

Clippity Clop
Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop!
Here comes Santa's reindeer swooshing on the roof.
Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop!
They slide to a complete stop.
Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop!
Santa leaves carrots for the long journey.
Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop! Clippity Clop!

By Rylee Campbell and Davis Gartshore

Noisy Poem on Christmas Bells

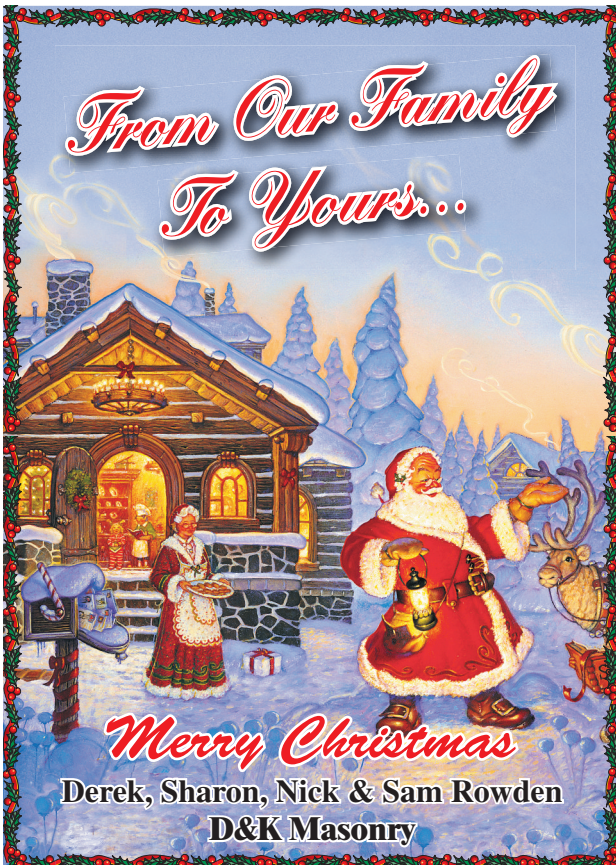
Ding, ding, ding!
The bells are singing
Ding, ding, ding!
The silver bells are ringing
Ding, ding, ding!
It's Christmas eve and the bells are slowing
Ding...ding...ding...
The bells are icy
Ding, ding, ding!
Now the bells are silent.
Ding... Ding... Ding...

By Jordy Schell and Brooklyn Spence

Noisy Poem on Christmas Carolers

Tra la la la la! Tra la la la la!
A group of people that were singing,
Tra la la la la
Wishing us a Merry Christmas,
Tra la la la
We wish you a Merry Christmas. We wish you a Merry
Christmas and a happy New Year!
Tra la la la la
Everybody shouts
Tra la la la la!
Everybody's glad it is Christmas.

By Stella Voilet Buwalda, Emily Anna May Davis, and Holly Elizabeth Cowling Young



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*Mrs Brouwers' class 6A***Dear Santa,**

Hello, my name is Alexander Kim from grade 6, Minden Ontario. I have been thinking about your job, and I think it is more difficult than in the past. I have some of my opinions about your job that I really want your opinion about.

My first opinion is that in the past, it was easier to deliver the presents, but now it isn't. I think this because I know that there are many more children right now than from before, which tells me that delivering the presents for all of the kids will be challenging. Don't you think so?

My next opinion is that I think that now you will have to make more advanced toys. In the past there wasn't as much technology and kids loved inanimate toys back then, but now kids don't. Therefore, kids will want electronics or game consoles like I Pads and X box's. I think that will be hard to make for a whole bunch of kids like me. Do you like technology?

My last opinion is that I think that making your list is very hard, and extremely tiresome. Don't you think it is hard finding out if all the children were good or bad? There are many, many children in the world, but how can you make the list? It will be very tiring recording all of the names of the kids and remembering where the children live.

Sincerely, Alex Kim

P.S: How long are both of your lists? It is very long, or very short? Which is longest?

P.P.S: How are your reindeer doing?

Dear Santa,


How are you? How's the village and the elves doing? I hope Christmas preparation is going well? It is alright if I ask you a few questions? Is your job different from now compared to 45 years ago? I definitely think it would be?

I think this because there is way more people and they except a nicer present then 45 years ago. But now elves probably know how to make way cooler stuff, because they now have way more technology to make better stuff. I ask my mom and when she was a kid a long time ago people got sweaters, now we get iPods.

I bet Christmas is probably way harder to maintain for the elves and for you. That bag of yours probably will get way heavier because of the amount of people there are now. You also probably have to get off your summer vacation early and start getting everything ready for the elves to start making presents. Do you agree that your Santa job is getting harder every year?


Sincerely Lucas, your pen pal

P.S. How are your elves? P.P.S. How is Rudolf? P.P.P.S. How is Mrs. Claus. P.P.P.P.S. Do you know Lionel Messi? If you



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Dear Santa

How are you and your elves doing this year! How do you eat so many cookies on Christmas and so many glasses of milk I wish I could eat as many cookies and glasses of milk? I hope you eat my cookies and don't just through them out. How many elves do you have and where do you get all of your elves from? Why do they have such pointy ears?

I think Christmas was different between 70 year ago to now because way more present's and we get Ipad's, PS3's and XBox's and other technology and more advanced technology and I think were being greedy! Also there is a was a large population now then about 70 years ago a clementine was a big present to my nana and poppa and to me I think that's not a big present compared to our presents. I was also told that my mom and dad got soccer balls, tennis balls and baseball hats and other things like that and my parents thought that was a great present.

But I also think that your job has got easier because now there is more technology that can upgrade your sleigh to make it go faster. Also I think that your job has gotten easier because machines can also make the presents faster. One more reason since you can upgrade your slay it is easier to take the present's around the world. How do you make so many presents in one year!!!

P.S. How much do you weigh

P.P.S. How old are you

P.P.P.S. How many cookies do you eat in one night

Love Devyn Prentice

Dear Santa

I think that your job has become much harder than when you were young. I think this because this year the world's population has gone over 7 billion that is a very big number. What speed do you fly at, to reach 7 billion people's houses in 24 hours? I also want to know what country you travel to first.

Another reason I think your job is harder is because kids now want bigger presents that are hard to make. These presents will make your load much harder to pull and make it hard for you to put into our houses. This is a hard job for you, you are one person.

Oh, I also think that your job is much harder because now you are much older than when you started your job.

This makes your job much harder because you can get back problems from lifting presents. You can also get a cold much easier when you get old. Do you have a helper to help you unload your presents if not, how do you get your job done.

I also think that your job has got a bit easier in a way. A few reasons I think this is because the world has created much more technology to make your sleigh ride much faster, smoother and comfortable. Technology can also help because of machines. Machines can help because you can use them to make presents. Do you use machines to make presents sometimes?

From Adrien Petrie

P.S. What is your favourite kind of cookies?

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Shelby and I think that your job is harder now than when my parents were kids, because when my parents were kids there were not alot of kids in the world. There are lots of kids in the world now, also that means you have to deliver to a lot of houses.

When my parents were kids you did not have to bring many toys for kids, and now there is lots of kids so you have to bring lots of toys. Also you did not have electronics to bring to kids in the days when my parents were younger you brought them small toys.

I have a few questions for you. Does Rudolph really have a red nose? How was your summer? Also you should go on a diet but you are still getting cookies from me.

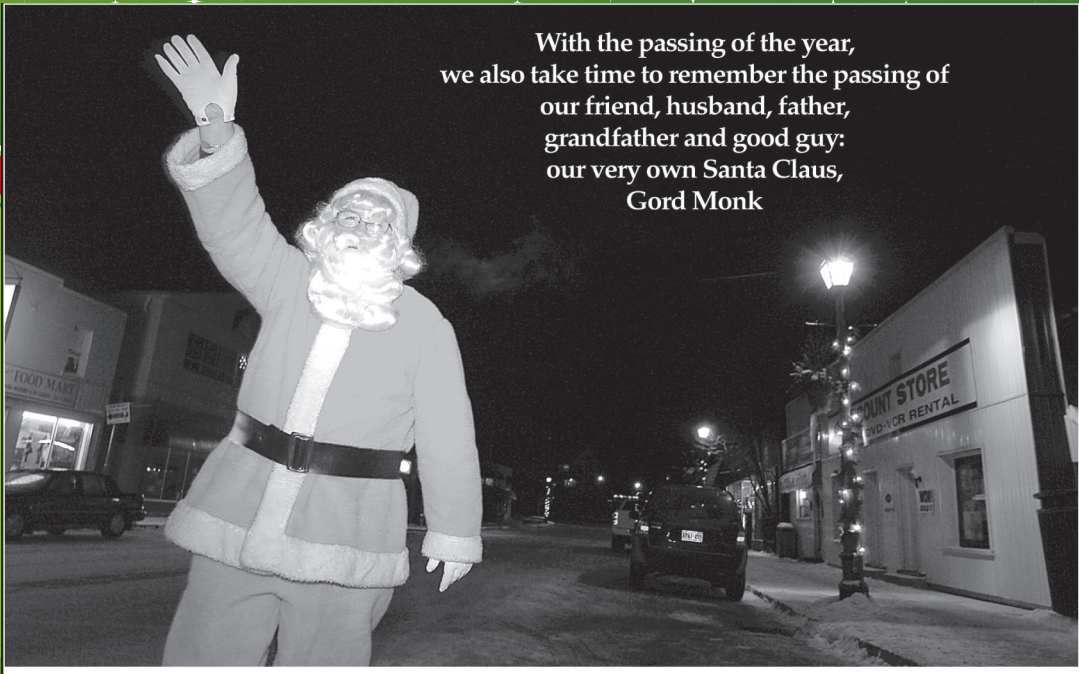
From Shelby Stephenson

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? I am feeling really good right now and I think that we should become pen pals so this can be our first letter to each other. I think your job has got a lot harder since when my mom and dad were kids. I think this because of all the new technology that kids use nowadays. Some of this includes Video game systems, Laptops and remote control cars.

I think that your job has changed because you never really gave out many presents when my grandparents were kids because they only got 1 or 2 presents. Now people

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our friend, husband, father,
grandfather and good guy:
our very own Santa Claus,
Gord Monk

May every family be blessed with such wonderful memories.

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expect to get 5 or 10 presents. That is a lot more than kids expected to get a while ago.

I think that your job has changed because a lot of kids don't believe in you as well as they did when my parents were kids. I know this because people always say that their parents are Santa Claus and all that other stuff.

Finally I think that your job has changed since my grandparents were kids because now you have to make larger presents than before like snowmobiles and Four Wheelers. Before people only got small presents like wooden toys and chocolate. There are the reasons why I think your job has got harder than in the past.

Now I have a few questions for you. I am wondering how your sleigh goes so fast? Do you keep your sleigh in top condition all the time? Do you have turbo jets on the bottom of your sleigh or do you just give your reindeer a healthy diet? I am also wondering why you wear red? Do you wear it because you like the color, or is it because of a special tradition? Also I am wondering how you came up with figgy pudding because I always hear about it and I am wondering what gave you the idea? Was it because of some of Mrs. Claus's cooking or did you see pudding and come up with it?

Sincerely Jake Graham

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Margaret Skinner. I live in Minden, Ontario. How are you doing? Are any of the reindeer sick?

I think your job has got harder since my grandparents were young.

I think it's harder because all of the kids are getting greedy because everybody wants the new technology. When my mom was little she didn't get a lot of presents she only went around the neighbour hood and she gave the people hugs, compared to now you have to put a lot of time in making presents, like I pods and snowmobiles. Are you tired when you get back from delivering all of the presents on Christmas Eve?

Sincerely Margaret, Aracly, Cabalero, Skinner

P.S. I am wondering, how many toys do you make for just 1 Christmas night? It's probably a lot but I am curious.

P.P.S. How many elves help you to make toys each year?

Dear Santa

Hello, my name is Andrew the #1 British Fan. I am writing to tell you that I think that your job has changed and has become difficult.

One reason is that building the toys now would take a long time with the new technology, all the little electronic pieces that you must have to put in. Then you must be busy all year round with all the toys to be built. A lot of kids today are really greedy so you must have to make millions of toys.

The second is that you must be very exhausted, having to go down all those chimneys around the world giving little children gifts. I'm surprised you haven't past out because that's a lot of work, I would. That must make your job hard. Your probably not claustrophobic from going down all those chimneys, because I'm pretty sure that your used to going down chimneys. I watched the old Grinch movie and when he goes down a chimney he got stuck, it did not look comfortable. Have you ever got stuck in a chimney?

Sincerely, Andrew Carcount

Dear Santa

Hi how are you. I've been thinking about how your job has changed, because back in the day when my grandparent were little you just brought them clementine's. I feel that kids are greedy now because now kids are asking for play stations and stuff like that.

I also think your job got harder because all the roofs are on a slant. And when my grandparents were kids they didn't have the supplies to make a slanted roof.

I also feel that your job got harder because the sleigh will be a lot heavier since all the kids are asking for tractors or heavy stuff like that. Do you like where you live. I wish I could come on a sleigh ride with you because I've never been higher than ten feet in the air before and I really want to?

Do you think I'm a naughty kid because I put a frog in my sisters bed and I put a tack on the teachers chair, so I think I'm naughty. Is Rudolph going to lead your sleigh on Christmas night I want to

see his nose? What happens if all your reindeer get sick because of how cold it is in the North Pole? Does Mrs. Clause come with you when you deliver all the gifts so you have someone to talk to? How fast does your sleigh go I'm guessing pretty fast?

Sincerely Ryan Prentice

p.s. do you know how to play hockey?
p.s.s. do you like to have snowball fights?
p.s.s.s. do you like snow cones?

Dear Santa;

How are you doing? I think that I am going to give you veggies instead of cookies because you aren't in very good shape and I mean you have a really big abdomen.

Skateboarding is my life! The reason why I like skateboarding soooooo much is because then I was born I saw my brother with a skate board in his arm and that is when I started to skateboard. Christmas is coming up soon and it is my birthday today and i cannot wait for tonight so I can have my party.

Any way that is not what I wanted to talk to you about, I want to talk about how your job has changed. I think your job has changed because in the past, people did not ask for a lot of stuff or big stuff. People are asking for more now. I think your job has changed because in the past, people did not ask for a lot of things or big things. People now are asking for a lot of things because we have a lot more stuff that people want now and people are asking for dirt bikes and snowmobiles and in the past they did not have that stuff.

There is a larger population of people now, so there are more houses to visit. In the past you did not have to get a lot of presents because there was not as much toys and stuff and now we have millions. Now we have electronics that almost everyone wants. People are asking for a lot more stuff now than in the past because there is a bigger population of people now that in the past. For example when my grandma was a kid, you did not have a lot of places to visit. More kids mean more presents which means a harder job. Do you think that your job is harder now too?

It has been great talking to you perhaps we can talk again next year.

Sincerely, Keagan Gillam

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December 25th 9:00 AM

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December 24th 5:00 PM

Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant

December 24th 9:00 PM

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December 25th 10:30 AM

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Back Words story contest winner

First Place Adult: Impressions by Meg Hoffman



I have wonderful memories of a weekend from my childhood. It is strange that memories are able to fade into a misty blur of impressions, and yet at the same time be vivid and crystal clear. That autumn weekend was a highlight in my early life, but I'm not sure how many years ago it was, how many of us were there, or even much about what we did. I do remember sparkling, sunny days, and

starry nights spent at Lydia's grandparents' farm.

Six (or was it nine?) girlfriends packed up sleeping bags, pillows, warm clothes and flashlights and headed into the country. I remember the welcoming farmhouse filled with the scents of apple pie and freshly baked bread. I remember Lydia's grandmother wiping her hands on her apron, giving us all a hug. I can clearly see her grandfather waving to us from his tractor in a nearby field. Horses grazed in the distance. Behind the farmhouse was the largest vegetable garden I had ever seen. I remember row upon row of apple trees, fields of corn stalks and pumpkins galore. There was no hydro in the farmhouse and all the water had to be pumped by hand from a well.

Those memories are crystal clear, but I have only foggy recollections of what the farmhouse looked like, where we all slept, what we ate, or whether any of us helped out with the chores. I wonder how we got to the farm and how we got back home again. Did we travel together in a group, or did a whole troop of parents set out onto the back roads of rural Ontario, pre GPS? Many of the details are hazy, more impressions than actual memories. Others are sharp and bright and glorious.

I remember a golden afternoon spent exploring and discovering the farm. We hiked through meadows and mazes of cornfields. We played leap frog with the huge orange and green pumpkins ripening in the fields. We ran shrieking across an old rickety bridge, terrified that we would crash down into the rocky stream below. We chased squirrels and chipmunks in the bush that skirted the farm. We were certain that we could run faster than the wind, but they still managed to escape safely into

the sanctuary of their holes and hollow trees. We climbed apple trees in the orchard and dangled precariously as we picked the apples. We took a few bites and pelted the cores at each other. We sat on fence rails and fed the horses apples and carrots from the garden. I remember lying on the grass in the twilight, flashlights in hand, waiting for the first star, and the first wish of the night. I remember glittering eyes staring at us from the darkened fields - was it a fox, or a coyote, or a raccoon? We didn't know. But it was eerie and made us shiver with fear and delight as we aimed our flashlights at the unknown eyes, then at each other and giggled until we ached.

I don't remember the reason behind our visit to Lydia's grandparents' farm. Whether it was a birthday party or a sleepover or both is long forgotten. I'm not even sure how many of us were there. We were constantly together, nine girls who were almost inseparable, but I don't think there were that many of us at the farm that weekend. My mind's eye sees six or seven exuberant girls running through those fields. I don't know if anyone brought a camera or if any photos were taken.

I do know that the last time we were all together was at our high school graduation. We went on to college, careers, marriages, children, divorce, happiness and grief. We went on to life. I'm not sure that I would even recognize most of those long ago

friends now. Jane ended up being truly a best friend forever, but the rest have become impressions, part of a life that no longer exists, except in my memories.

I share two homes with my husband Randy, and our *Wheaton terrier Pippin*. One home is in Haliburton County and the other is in Kitchener. Travel has always been important to us. As a family we toured Canada in our tent trailer. We're still travelling, but as a couple now - California, Key West, France, St. Lucia, Italy and Brazil. I'm not sure where we're headed next and what adventure is waiting around the corner to be discovered and explored.

My husband and I have retired, Randy from business, and me from Early Childhood Education, where I spent years doing a lot of oral story telling. He now has more time to renovate the cottage and I have more time to write.

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Back Words story contest winner

Adult Honourable Mention: My Place of Sanctuary by Margaret Harriss Clayton



It was a warm November afternoon as I set out along the path through the woods to the creek. The sun was shining in the clear blue sky and the ground was cov-

ered in leaves shed from the hardwood trees as they prepared for their winter nap.

I loved to walk this path, to let my mind wander and take in nature's pleasures. To breathe in the clear air as I made my way to the large granite boulder near the creek. There, I would sit on the old log in the small hollow of the ravine and forget about the world. It was my sanctuary.

On the way to my sanctuary, I would walk along the bank of the creek and watch the water ripple by and gurgle as it washed over the rocks along its path. Sometimes, I would notice racoon tracks in the soft mud along the shore, with the round impression of the pad and the thin sharp indentations from the claws. Claws that could tear apart the crayfish that they so eagerly sought to eat. At times, it would appear to have been only one racoon, but at other times a mix of small and large imprints would indicate a family had been dining in the creek.

It would bring back memories of the night we were camping and left the cooler sitting outside the tent. We could hear scratching noises in the night and opened the tent to look outside. There was a huge racoon sitting on top of the cooler trying with all its might to pry off the top. It was rather amusing to

watch, especially since the weight of the racoon's own body was working against its efforts to pull the lid from the cooler. After a while, the racoon finally gave up in frustration and wandered away.

I would remember summer days spent at my Grandparents farm when I was young. The summer evening, I heard the dog barking through the open window of my bedroom. In the morning, I asked Grandma why the dog was barking in the night. She said, "He probably chased a coon up a tree and barked at it until he got tired and decided to come home."

Summer vacation at the farm was such a wonderful time. The smell of fresh cut hay from the bales stacked in the hayloft of the barn. After supper, I would sit on the steps of the verandah of the old Victorian farmhouse, and watch as daylight turned to dusk, and wait to make a wish on the first star to appear in the evening sky. Then, I would recite the rhyme, "Star light, Star bright, First star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish, I wish tonight". Even now, whenever I notice the first star in the evening sky, I silently repeat the rhyme and smile at childhood memories recalled.

As I sat on the log, I could hear something rustling in the leaves behind me. I turned to look, and saw two red squirrels chasing each other. It was funny to watch

them as they scurried across the ground through the leaves and up and around the tree trunks and across the branches. They were having such fun and would occasionally stop and scold me in their high-pitched chirp, for intruding in their space. Then would suddenly disappear into a hollow in one of the trees, and would just as quickly reappear and start the chase again. They were certainly enjoying one of the last warm days of the year.

I would always feel refreshed after visiting this place I called my sanctuary. It was my place to escape to when I needed a break from life's pressures, or to sort through a problem. And sometimes, just to sit and take in nature's pleasures.

I grew up in Beaverton, Ontario and occasionally, my family would go on Sunday drives in the Haliburton area. Almost twenty years ago, my husband and I purchased property in Haliburton County and it is a place where our grandchildren enjoy discovering the wonders of nature and experiencing the changing seasons. Although, we now reside in Whitby, Ontario, my husband and I escape to our Haliburton property at every opportunity throughout the year. Even in winter, it is a wonderful place to be!

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Red Hawks maintain undefeated streak

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

If their last win against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons established themselves as a contender then beating the undefeated St. Peter's Secondary School Saints clearly put them in a class of their own.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Saints both came into the hockey game at Dysart Arena on Monday, Dec. 19, tied for second with a perfect 5-0 record, as well as virtually sharing the best defence in the league (Red Hawks less one goal with just five allowed).

Haliburton showed their mettle against the Falcons, beating them 5-1 in a tough, close tight-checking game just a week earlier.

Coach Ron Yake overlooked a few minor mistakes and was pleased overall with his team's performance against the Saints, which he saw as their best of the season.

"Our guys had a solid game. [The Saints] played defensive and tried to slow us down and we were expecting it. Our guys really did a good job moving the puck up the boards and into the centre, getting it in deep," he said. "It was a bit of a chess match the first period and then we [got the first goal]. That first goal in a game like that is always important. It gets you going and changes the flow of the game."

The game was held scoreless through the first period and part of the second.

Haliburton's speed and tenacity was wearing the Saints' defense down, keeping the pace high and the forecheck active with a constant refresh of players, as the line changes were brisk.

As a result, the fans were kept on the edge of their seats with several strong scoring chances, which were repeatedly turned away by the swift glove hand of Saints' goalie Brad Smith, who had his best impersonation of Nashville Predators' goalie Pekka Rinne.

"A few shots there we thought were for sure going in so he was good and that kept them in the game. [Our goalie Andrew Elia] played well and made some good stops, too. It was good Haliburton hockey is what it was," coach Yake said.

The Saints struck first when Garey Croal's changeup of a shot eluded Red Hawks goalie Elia, who later said the shot skipped on him.

This came just after he made a stellar save, who read and anticipated the low shot to push from the short side to the far post to make the butterfly save from a play started at back of his net.

Haliburton, as they've shown in league and tournament play, rallied and came on the attack again, tying the game when Ryan Hunter scored, picking up a rebound in the slot and sliding it in past the prone Saints' goalie.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks winger Tanner Ballantyne stays on his feet, chasing down a loose puck in the third period during a game against the visiting St. Peter's Secondary School Saints at the Dysart Arena on Monday, Dec. 19.

A little over a minute left in the period, Haliburton's Brett Yake gave the Red Hawks their first lead when he scored.

By the third period, the Saints were looking tired and showing signs of wear from killing off five penalties, equating to 10 minutes of short-handed play while Haliburton stayed out of the sin-bin for most of the night, finishing with just four minor penalties.

When the dust finally settled, Haliburton dominated the third and finished with a 5-2 win, helped by the insurance marker scored by rookie Nate Feir on a tip in from the point by a Greg Clements's shot.

Carson Roberts and Yake each added a goal to ice the game and the Saints' Colin Heffernan rounded out the scoring with the last goal of the game.

The scoring line was close to being equally distributed among 10 players in terms of points (Hunter, Yake, Feir, Roberts, Stewart Chaulk, Tanner Ballantyne, Greg Clements, Aaron Hillier and Jordan Howe all finishing with at

least one point). Yake finished with two goals while rookie Feir had a goal and assist.

Although the offensive skills of the Yake line with Howe and Ballantyne are coming together, garnering the attention of fans, the coach is quick to point out the entire team is doing things necessary for success for this season.

For this game, he said, the quick shifts, high energy and everyone doing their part are keys in addition to the offense.

Coach Yake believes the team has limited the odd-man rushes and that the hard work in Monday's game contributed to the Saints' frustration, leading to powerplay opportunities.

The Hurricanes, who have not played the Red Hawks yet, are undefeated through six games and have 12 points. Haliburton is currently tied with Holy Cross and is scheduled to play at home against them at the Dysart Arena on Feb. 8.



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Peewee As win game against Otters

The Highland Storm Peewee As played their final regular season game of 2011 on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Minden at 6:30 p.m. against the Huntsville Otters. The Storm boys had not won a game

against this team all season so this would be their last chance to try for it. The boys came out with determination and aiming for a win. It was a good fast game with few penalties. The Storm scored two goals in the first period compared to the Otters' one.

Our goals were by Ethan Keefer assisted by Matt Wilbee and Devyn Prentice, the second goal by Chase Burden assisted by Andrew Hall. The second period proved to be similar to the first, with the Storm boys pulling further ahead by getting three more goals, Chase Burden assisted by Kyle Cooper, Kyle Cooper assisted by Matt Wilbee and Max MacNaull, and a short handed goal by Greg Crofts, unassisted. Still the Storm fans were not ready to acknowledge a win with the third period still needing to be played but the boys did not disappoint us. With a slow start to the third and the Otters getting another goal, the Storm decided to answer with another of their own to bring home the win of 6-3. The last goal was scored by Jake Bull assisted by Josh Boice and Matt Wilbee. The Peewee As are sponsored by Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry. We do not have a regular season game until Jan. 8 in Parry Sound but we are to play in a Peterborough Tournament Dec. 28, 29 and 30. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Highland Storm Peewee AE weekend of hockey

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team

was on the road. They travelled to Huntsville on Saturday and Parry Sound on Sunday, bringing home a loss and a win. The loss came on Saturday against Huntsville. It was a fast paced aggressive start with both teams spending time in the box, but Huntsville got on the score board ending the first period with a 2-0 lead. Both teams continued to push in the second period and once more Huntsville found the opening, minutes later the Storm bounced back with a pass from Jacob Haedicke unto the stick of Jon Morrison that earned the Storm their first goal, ending that period 3-1. Seconds into the third period, Alex Wilbee's strong shot from the point slip by the goalie to tighten the game 3-2. It may have the Olympic size ice or too little too late for the Storm but the momentum grew for the Otters and they put 2 more in to take the game 5-2.

It was off to Parry Sound on Sunday. Although the Storm team experienced some difficulty with the game start time, Parry Sound and everyone involved showed an immense amount of understanding and flexibility. With both teams wearing the same jerseys, it brought the friendliness back into the game. It reminded us that it's all for the kids and the love and fun of hockey as both teams showed a high level of sportsmanship. It was a close game at start with a scoreless first period and no penalties. There were lots of awesome chances for both teams but Parry Sound got the first goal. The Storm Peewee AE team took control of the game with some great passes and determination that tied it up in the second period. It was early in the third period when the Storm took the lead and held it for the game, defeating Parry Sound 4-1. It was an awesome team effort by all the boys, special mention to Josh Bellefleur who was solid in net. The Storm Peewee AE team is currently sitting second place in their division with 24 points of the 17 games played. Next weekend, they are on the road for a tournament in Huntsville. Good luck boys!

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2011 Silver Stick report

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The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association held its ninth annual Silver Stick Regional Qualifying Tournament over the weekends of Dec. 3/4 and Dec. 10/11. In all 28 minor hockey teams came to the Highlands and competed for the right to represent our Regional at the International Finals this coming January in Niagara Falls Ontario.

The regional champions from all over North America will gather for a five-day hockey extravaganza. There will be teams from Oregon, San Jose, Dallas, Las Vegas, Florida, New York, Michigan, British Columbia, Indiana and all over Ontario. Last year our own Highland Storm Atom AE (additional entry) team represented our Regional in Niagara and went to the Championship Final losing a heartbreaker to a team from New York State. Coach Jimmy O'Neill said it was a blast and that being second best in North America was an honor for the Haliburton County boys. This year our champions going to Niagara Falls are the Stirling Blues who defeated the Prince Edward County Kings 1-0 in the Atom AE Championship. The Pee-wee AE Champions are the Ennismore Eagles who defeated our own Highland Storm team 2-1 in a nail biter. (Great job by coach Bob Schmidt and his team!) The Caledonia Thunder defeated the Lindsay Muskies in O.T. 3-2 to claim the Bantam AE Championship. In O.T. the teams went three-on-three, two-on-two and one-on-one before the Thunder player scored on a breakaway! It was totally awesome for the fans. In the Midget AE division the Lakefield Chiefs scored a late third period goal to break a 0-0 tie with the Napanee Stars. It was a great midget hockey game with the Lakefield goalie Mack Featherstone being the No. 1 Star. These annual Silver Stick Hockey tournaments are getting great reviews and are becoming the Tournaments to go to for a lot of centres in Ontario. They desperately help our local economy at a time of the year when the tourists aren't coming up. The Highland Storm Association would like to thank the dedicated parents and Host teams who volunteer their time to run these events, for without them they wouldn't be possible.

The dedicated parents and coaches for this year were Bobby Sue

Campbell, Lisa Turner, Jimmy O'Neill, Dana Manning, Drew Bishop, Kelly and Dave MacKay, Lisa Hamilton, Bob Schmidt, Dennis McKee, Dave Lavergne, Sheanna Allore, Dan and Ginny Marsden and Derek Little. If I left anyone out, I apologize. The Storm would also like to thank the Dysart and Minden Hills arena staff, the snack bar people Ritchie and Liz Lyddiatt, Kaitlyn Lily, her mom and Whitney Meunzel.

Also thanks to Ritchie Mills and his referees for doing an outstanding job. The games could not be played without Rob Hill and his timekeepers Jarrett Campbell, Curtis Ballantyne, Bailey Walker and the great time keeping Legend Eric Nicholls. A huge thank you goes out to Bonnie Thompson and Parker Pad and Printing for their beautiful programs, JoDanne Aggett for her amazing tournament wall charts, Kevin Sicard and Sharpley's Source for Sports for the awards, and lastly our executive members who do alot of work behind the scenes, Jaime Dollo, Bruce Griffith, Jim Winn, Derek Wilson, Dave MacKay, Gord Wood, Jason Morissette, Chad Burden, Dean Chaulk, Rob Hill, Ritchie Mills, Lisa Turner, Rob Meyers, Sheanna Allore and Glenda Mumford! Thank you from all of the young hockey players in Haliburton County.

Submitted by Wade MacInnes
Highland Storm Silver Stick
Director

Atom As win another

A Friday night game away in Bracebridge was a success for the Atom As with another win against the Bracebridge Bears. All I can say for this game is "way to go Storm!" Those boys went out and played an amazing game, with some great skating,

great passing, great defense and some awesome goaltending! With a group of boys that played as well as these ones did tonight, it was virtually impossible for the Bears to beat us.

With a score of 3-1 for us, the boys made the win look easy. All three goals were scored by Luke Hunter and assists went to Lucas Haedicke, Nik Dollo (2), Owen Gilbert, and Benn MacNaull.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Atom AEs defeated by Huntsville

The Highland Storm Atom AE team was in contention to win in the first two periods at the Haliburton arena on Saturday. Jake O'Neill put in two goals to give the Storm team a 2-1 lead but Huntsville tied it in the second period. Storm had a chance to go ahead again at the start of the third period when Huntsville took a penalty but the Storm team could not capitalize on the power play. Hunts-

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Tykes lose 6-4 to the Bears

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ville then got the upper hand in the third period with some wide open play. Storm goalie Jaxson Campbell was outstanding stopping a barrage of shots.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Tykes lose exhibition game

Highland Storm Tyke travelled to Bracebridge for an exhibition game against the Bears. With a 6-4 loss. Goals scored to Ty Mills (1), Nick Phippen (3). Assisted by Chloe Billings, Matt Vargas and Hunter Winder. Next game is Jan. 2. 6 p.m. in Bobcaygeon

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Congrats to all-stars

Muskoka Parry Sound Hockey Association hosted a day of All Star games from Novice up to Midget, in Gravenhurst. Congrats go to all the kids that were selected to represent your division from Highland Storm.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Bantam AEs runners up

The Bantam Highland Storm sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security were in Huntsville on the weekend to compete in a five team round robin tournament. They faced the home team in the opening game on Friday and skated away with a 3-0 victory. Jayden Wood, Brenden McKee, and Lucas Esson scored for the Storm. Wood, Ryan Edwards, and Kyle Lavergne each picked up an assist. In the second game they were pitted against a powerful Midland team and in a gritty performance they earned their second victory 2-1. Jayden Wood accounted for both Storm goals with helpers going to Angus Sullivan and Morgan Hamilton. Goaltender Austin McKay was in for both wins.

Saturday's action began with the Acton Tanners. The Storm won a chippy contest 3-1 with goals scored by Hunter Bishop, Lucas Esson, and Kyle Lavergne. Angus Sullivan, Caleb Schmidt, and Jayden Wood found the score sheet with assists. In the finale of the round robin they met the Petawawa Patriots. In a totally dominant exhibition the Storm dismantled the Patriots 4-0. Hunter Bishop led the way with two goals while once again singles went to Jayden Wood and Kyle Lavergne. Brenden McKee assisted on three of the goals while Wood, Lavergne, Ryan Edwards, and Damon Winder also earned assists. Cole Finlay was between the pipes for both victories.

The Storm finished undefeated and were set to face Midland in the final. The boys from the Highlands came out strong and opened the scoring with a nice three way passing play with Lucas Esson converting a great pass from Hunter Bishop after some fine work by Damon Winder. Winder put the Storm up 2-0 as he took a pass from Ryan Edwards, raced down the wing, cut to the net and beat the Centennials goalie on his own rebound. It was all downhill from there. A total team collapse resulted in Midland scoring seven straight goals, with three coming in a 25 second span of the third. Brenden McKee rounded out the scoring with a minute left, Bishop and Esson earned assists. Despite this disappointing result, the team has finished strongly in all three of their tournaments this season. They have a B championship, a semi-final finish, and after going undefeated in round robin play, a loss in a final.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Highland Storm Peeewe AE Champions in Huntsville Tournament

It was a busy, fun and victorious weekend for the Highland Storm Peeewe AE team. It all began mid day on Friday with a day off school for the boys. The Storm team went against the home team, Huntsville. It was a fast start off the faceoff, 10 seconds into the first period that Huntsville put one passed our goalie. Minutes later with the Storm team still on their heels, Huntsville rushed the net for their second goal. That was the awakening the Storm needed, realizing they can't wait for the third period, they turned it up a notch. The first was a rebound goal by Trevor Turner that came from Alex Wilbee at the point. As the momentum continued to build, the Storm tied it up with two minutes left in the first period, that second goal was scored by Ben Schmidt, a team effort from Matt Manning and Trevor Turner. Tied at the start of the second period, the Storm picked up the pace and scored within 15 seconds. It was some awesome passing from Alex Wilbee and Alex Petrie when the puck found the stick of Jon Morrison, who put it away for the lead, now 3-2. The closely matched teams played great clean hockey. It was late in the second period when Huntsville tied it up, now 3-3. The 3rd period began with the Storm on a power play but it wasn't until half way through the period when the Storm got the go ahead goal to make it 4-3. Once more, great teamwork earned the goal by Carter O'Neill, assisted by Matt Manning and Jon Morrison. It was a nail-biter to the end, an awesome win for the Storm team.

The excitement continued later against Midland. Although the Storm team dominated the play from the start it remained scoreless in the first period. The boys practiced their positions and their passes that resulted in lots of chances. It was half way through the



The Highland Storm Peeewe AE team after their big win in the Huntsville tournament. The Storm team held strong during the last two exciting minutes of the game and walked away tournament champs. /Photo submitted

second period when they finally put one in the net. The pass came from Alex Wilbee and Ben Schmidt to Jon Morrison, who found the opening. The next goal came in the third period, unassisted by Alex Wilbee. It was a good 2-0 win for the Storm and a nice shut-out for Josh Bellefleur. The next day the game was played on the Olympic size ice against Centre Wellington. It started as an aggressive hard-hitting game but the Storm team was ready. They focused on the game and it paid off in the first period with a goal, a pass from Alec Stoughton to Ben Schmidt that made it 1-0. The Storm was clearly the better team and it showed in the endless scoring opportunities. The next goal came in the second period, a hard pass across the net by Matt Manning, deflected in by Trevor Turner. Another 2-0 win for the Storm team. The Highland Storm Peeewe AE team met their match in this tournament against Norwich. It was hard work and determination that helped the Storm team earn the first goal during the first period. A great team effort and a pass from Ben Schmidt to Alex Petrie that scored for the Storm. It continued to be a clean fast paced game. Norwich tied it up in the second with both teams working hard. Half way through the third period, Norwich pushed pass the Storm to score and make it 2-1. They managed to hold the Storm in their tracks to end the game at 2-1, a tough loss for the Storm. The next day, the top two teams met in the finals. The Storm against Norwich. Both teams were in the groove and entertained us with some awesome hockey, many outstanding plays, shots on net and remarkable saves. This was an edge of the seat game that remained scoreless in the first and second period. It was the usual 3rd period push from the Storm team that showed their desire to win. The Storm team rallied with a hard high shot coming from Jacob Haedicke at the point that was tipped in by Ben Schmidt for the first goal. It continued tight with both teams having opportunities. The closure goal came near the end of the 3rd with another shot from Jacob Haedicke from the point, Alec Stoughton got the rebound and secured the win. The Storm team held strong during the last two exciting minutes of the game and walked away tournament champs! Great job boys!

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Christmas Eve service at Zion United



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There are two big birthday celebrations this week, possibly a lot more but these are the only two I know of.

Alyssa Stiver turns 12 this week! All year she has watched others celebrate their birthdays and now it's her turn. Being born just before Christmas has its ups and downs but I'm sure she gets as many gifts as if she was born any other time of the year. Last Sunday we gave her an early birthday party with some of her friends here. It's an age that's so much fun to watch, they have so much energy! Can I have some please?

Also celebrating this week is Mary Stiver a little more than 12 but still has that spirit. Happy Birthday!

The nice folks of the Zion United Church have beautifully decorated their church on East Road and welcome all to join them for their Christmas Eve service at 3 p.m. As kids (here I go again!) we were forced to go to church every single Sunday whereas my dad only went on Christmas and Easter Sundays. The meaning of going to church was always lost to me as a much younger girl I must say.

It meant confessing to deep and dark secrets in confessional - I only thought they were deep and dark, it's more exciting that way, raised as an Italian and Catholic girl there wasn't much leverage to misbehave.

Anyways, church to me meant awkward moments confessing to a priest who was conveniently hidden from view so that the confessor could confess comfortably. I don't think that worked very well as I was always filled with knots in my stomach brought on by fear of reprimand from the "other side."

Then there was the fasting so we could get communion on Sunday. Now you know about me and my passion for food, well let me tell you that it was close to starvation as I have come to! Mass used to be long and boring and I can easily recall at least two fainting spells and endless times that I had the nervous giggles.

So summing all this up, you could say that my fondest childhood memories didn't come from church. Do I mention there was also the fear of the devil and going to hell added to my anxiety of being Catholic?

Of course, religion practices have changed through the years whereas they aren't so overbearing with their rules. So what does this have to do with the Zion United Church?

Everything, in the 16 years that I have lived in this area and participated in events happening at this church it has made me realize how special it can all be. I don't go as often as I would like but when I do get there it feels good.

Keep up the good work - you'll convert me yet!

In a few days another Christmas will be gone in the pile of all the others. Our family Christmas at my Ma's was a couple of weeks ago and this is the true beauty of this time of the year. We do make time to spend with family and friends. In my case quite honestly I try hard at seeing the people I love all year round because they are important to me.

At my Ma's we had the usual crowding, the usual mixed conversations we Italians do so well, the big pig out that has you rolling away making those idle promises not to overindulge the next time. As usual, my Ma says this is her last time to make all the food for so many. This year I offered to go the night before and help out and she frankly told me I would be in the way.

Since everyone was together I announced that Easter would be at my new home in Carnarvon. Love it!

Okay now this will be my first mention of a 2012 event. Coming up Jan. 21 at the Red Umbrella Inn is A Fireside Concert featuring ... Dala. Dala are Juno nominees and winners of the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year. The way that Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine of Dala write and sing in harmony has been described as angelic.

These ladies have been best friends since they met in their high school music class in 2002 and have since released five albums and toured extensively across North America. You might also have caught some concerts a few years ago here in Carnarvon thanks to Mark Christiano in the Lounge Café.

If you still have that hard to please person on your Christ-

mas list consider tickets to this concert! Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the Red Umbrella Inn 705-489-2462 or by calling Mark 705-489-2944 (thehairlounge9@gmail.com). The website for Dala is www.dalagirls.com.

Remember the date - Jan. 21. with doors opening at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m. and I have been told that "tickets are flying out the door." Reserve your seats today!

Have a great week and a very Merry Christmas!



Rotary clubs play Santa

The Rotary Clubs of Minden and Haliburton had their joint Christmas party at the Bonnie View Inn on Dec. 16. They collected over \$900 in toys and gift cards to donate to the YWCA women's shelter. Brian Nash, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club and Molly McInerney, president of the Minden Rotary Club presented Daisy Downes, centre, with the collection. /Photo by Cassie Thorn

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Check out improvements to the Frost Centre ski trails



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The Algonquin Highlands Trails Department has made many improvements over the summer and fall to the Frost Centre cross-country ski trails. These include the addition of a new beginners trail from the Bunny to the Bear and Beaver by way of the historic Sawmill Trail, bridging the first swamp on the Beaver after the end of the Bear and the removal of many danger trees.

All of the trails have been brushed and the warm-up shelters have been stocked with wood. A number of bridges have been repaired or rebuilt and drainage has

been improved in low lying areas.

New trail maps have been prepared with more detail and new directional signs ("you are here" maps) have been posted at all intersections. The Algonquin Highlands Trails staff will be dedicated to maintaining the trails and providing service seven days a week throughout the season – keeping trails in top condition as snow conditions permit. Now bring on the snow!

For more information about the Frost Centre ski trails and other services provided by the Algonquin Highlands Trails Department, contact the office at 705-766-9033 or follow the links at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Thank you to Lorraine Cyopick for organizing the annual Dorset Christmas Cookie Exchange that was held on Thursday, December 15 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There were nine participants who shared cookies like; Mexican wedding cookies, espresso balls, sugar plums, whipped shortbread, brownie treats, creamy snowballs, fluffy chocolate chip cookies (made with ground popcorn!), chocolate crisps and tangerine butter cookies – mmmmmmm!

Everyone had a great time trying each cookie and playing the games that Lorraine organized. There was holiday trivia – winner Melissa Alfano, what's in the cookie jar – a game matching cookies to clues – booby prize to Joanne Legedza and a fun version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas where a prize was passed left or right throughout the story and ended up with the winner, Vicki Toole.

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Dec. 21 with RN Fran Gower. To book an appointment or for more information, please contact Joy at 705-766-1418.

Sign ups for Yoga classes subsidized by the Winterfest Legacy fund are happening now at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 705-766-9968. There will be a 4 week session offered Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. from Jan. 11 to February 1, 2012. The cost is \$5 per person (normal fee is \$15) and all are welcome. A minimum is required for the program to run so if you are interested, please call to sign up to ensure the class is a go.

Have you completed your health care needs survey yet?

It can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthCare-Needs or pick up a hard copy at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The deadline is fast approaching!

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 18 to 24 go out to Karen Knutt, Olga Cunningham and Jim Jones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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St. Patrick's Church Kinmount

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9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

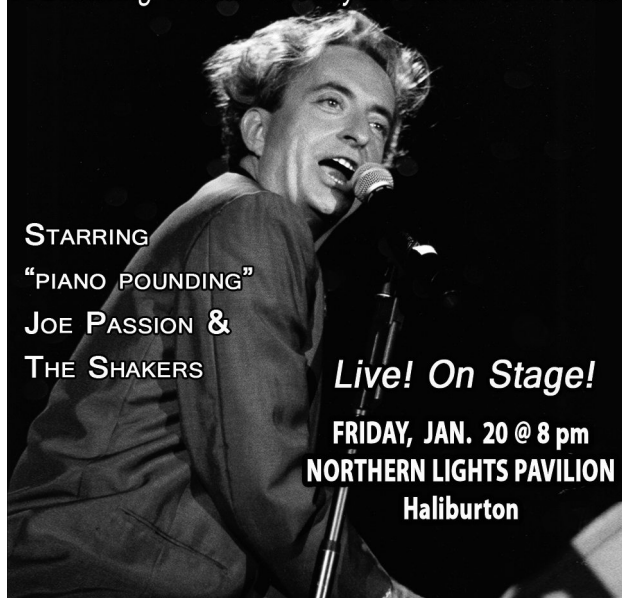
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December 24th
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Sixth annual Festival of Banners looking for design ideas

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You're invited to participate in the sixth Festival of Banners.

Adults and students are encouraged to create banner designs that will be hung on the hydro poles and light standards throughout Minden.

Participants are asked to submit a design on card stock 4.25 inches by 10 inches tall.

An entry form must be attached to each submission. The name and phone number of each entrant and the title of the work should appear on the back of the card in case it gets separated from the entry form.

Permission forms can be picked up at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or at The Organic Times, 134 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

These colourful banners were a great addition to the community last summer.

Last year's contest attracted many high quality banners so this year they hope to do the same.

There are 40 locations reserved throughout the core areas of the village for adults and high school students and 27 saved locations for elementary school aged children.

The deadline for submissions is March 31st 2012

Selected artists will be notified after the selection process. There is no charge to elementary students but a \$5 entry fee will be asked from adult entrants.

This year's theme is "My Highlands Utopia."

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Deborah Lyons at 705-286-1424.



Each year, artists create a new set of themed banners that adorn downtown Minden. /File photo



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Dec 7-Dec 24: Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc. will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Stedmans Haliburton in the front entrance every Wednesday 11am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5.00pm in December. Come and help us as we help you and others. Judith 705 457-3107

Dec 7 - Jan 21: Cultural Considerations How do you define culture? Join a conversation sparked by works by Marcel O'Gorman "Myth of the Steersman" an installation about cultural re-invention and the mysterious disappearance of Tom Thomson; studio recreation and works of successful Haliburton artist H.W. Wagner (1889-1948); and YOU. Gallery hours Wed - Sat 11a.m.-5p.m. 23 York St. Haliburton Village www.railsendgallery.com 705-457-2330

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Dec 21: OEYC Minden & Haliburton Christmas closure. Our last day open before Christmas will be December 21, re-opening on January 9. Starting January 2012, we will open at 9 am and close at 12:30 pm.

Dec 22 - Minden Legion Branch 636, President's Levy (open house for public) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Music by members of The Kellett Family.

Dec 29: 2nd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era hosted by Haliburton County Historical Society. Located at Dysart Arena upstairs at 1:30p.m.

Dec 31 - Minden Legion Branch 636, New Year's Eve Celebration. Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. (prime rib or chicken). DJ and karaoke after dinner. Tickets \$25 each (\$30 after Dec. 16). The Legion will be other wise closed from December 24th to January 1st, open for business as usual on January 2 (and open New Year's Eve).

Jan 5 - Feb 25 Evidence at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Opening reception Saturday, January 14 at 1pm This is a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today. Is the ultimate role of photography to document? Does society hold it as the true witness of our time? How much do we trust it? If it has become abused by technology is it just 'eye-candy' or is this what we as a society will be historically known as? This exhibition moves from shocking to stark realities that pull the viewer through a myriad of emotions. Laurie Carmount curator, 705-286-3763 gallery@mindenhills.ca, www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Jan 15 : Razzamataz Kids Shows! - Motus O Dance Theatre presents "Circus Terrifico" 2:00 pm- Northern Lights Pavilion We meet 3 circus performers boarding the train to their next show. A case of vanishing tickets, however, thwarts their plans and strands them on the platform. It takes every trick in the book (and their suitcases) to create an impromptu show to raise money for new tickets. Performed with the signature Motus O physicality and humour, see for yourself how a little magic, some juggling, tight-rope walking and fortune-telling can fulfill every child's fantasy to 'run off and join the circus'
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Jan 30: Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic located at Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br.129 from 12:30pm - 6:30pm Call 1-888-2 Donate to book your appointment Please note location can change please confirm location when booking your appointment

• **Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **Lakeside Baptist Church is hosting the 7th Mission of Love dinner** this year for those alone at Christmas. It will be a traditional turkey dinner, no charge - It will be served by volunteers. 4 pm Carols & Eggnog, 5pm sit down dinner. It is for anyone alone in Haliburton County or perhaps someone single or a couple that live away from family, or have no family no matter why come and join others on Christmas day. To sign up for dinner or if anyone would like to volunteer to help serve or donate food for the dinner they can contact. Judith 705 457-3107

• **FOOD 4 FINES** - For the month of December, the Haliburton County Public Library will waive your library fines in exchange for a non-perishable food donation. Donations collected will be given to the Food Bank closest to your library branch. This applies to overdue fines only. Fees for lost or damaged materials are not included. If you do not have any fines, you are still welcome to participate by dropping off your donation at any of the eight branches in Haliburton County.

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Clothing giveaway on hold until spring



Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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It is good to hear that youngest grandson Ben is not content to rest his laurels on his recent nine goals in a single hockey game but has expanded his horizons to theatrical pursuits. Dad Graeme reports that this year Ben was a very visible participant in his school Christmas concert. That brought back memories of older son David's kindergarten acting debut many moons ago. When he announced an upcoming role in the nativity play we were very excited with Bruce naturally booking time off from work to attend. All costumes were being supplied by the school and there was no written program to follow. After Joseph, an assortment of shepherds and finally the three wise men had all made their appearances there was still no sign of our David. Following the concert in reply to our puzzled questioning he assured us that yes he had indeed been on stage but invisible under the blanket-covered donkey. One saving grace was that at least he was the front end.

Many of the regular events in Kinmount will take a holiday break so it is best to check with the leader/convener before heading out. Weather permitting there will be public skating on the natural ice surface at the arena and for schedule updates visit www.kinmount.ca.

Just a reminder from the Legion branch 441 Kinmount that Friday night bingo will be cancelled on both Dec. 23 and 30 returning on Jan. 6. Plan to dance in the new year at the branch on Saturday, Dec. 31 starting at 8 p.m. There will be a DJ playing your musical favourites and the cost of only \$15/person includes a hot and cold buffet, favours

and prizes. On New Year's Day, president Mary Lou Ferguson will host the annual President's Levy beginning at 2 p.m. and everyone, both members and non-members, is most welcome to drop by. This is a very active branch and its members provide great support to this community, which is much appreciated.

Please note that the free clothing giveaway normally taking place at St. James Anglican Church on the third Thursday of each month has been put on hold until April 2012. Another new program at St. James is the Sunday morning kids' club from 9 to 10 a.m. for children four years and up. There will not be a program on Christmas or New Year's Day but the club will meet again on Jan. 8. For more information please give Susan Dier a call at 705-488-1419.

By now or under the Christmas tree a Kinmount calendar will be there to help you organize 2012 many events. Be

sure to circle the Community Sleigh Rides already marked in for Saturday, Jan. 21 and taking place at Pearson's Hunt Camp on the Galway Road.

What are our chances of a white Christmas this year? The Meteorological Society of Canada has compiled a list for selected major Canadian cities with three, Quebec City, Whitehorse and Yellowknife, ranked at 100 per cent then both Winnipeg and Saskatoon following closely behind at 98 per cent. Looking nearer to home Toronto registers only 57 per cent. As for our good neighbours to the south Fairbanks, Alaska and Marquette, Michigan topped the poll at 100 per cent while the cities of Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Charlotte scored 0 per cent.

Until next week best wishes from our home to yours for a very Merry Christmas and a new year filled with promise ...

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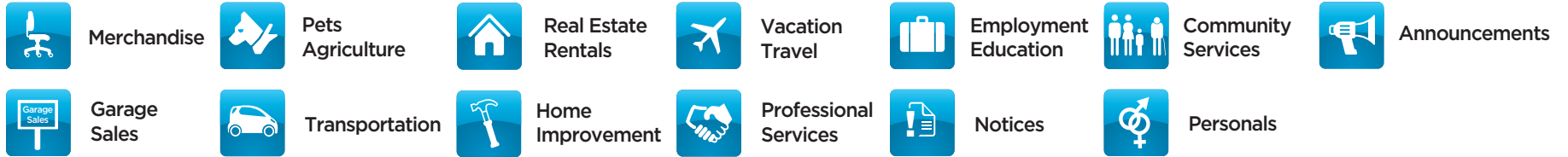
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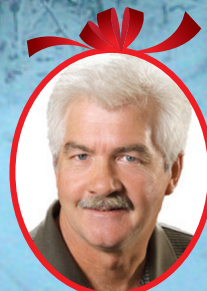
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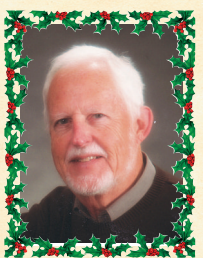
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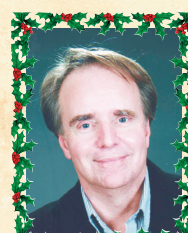
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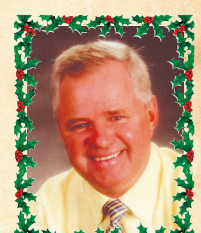
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